

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

C.S.H.B. 143
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DIGEST

Currently, Medicaid residents in nursing homes have an allowance of \$30 a month for all personal needs. The amount has not been increased since 1983. C.S.H.B. 143 would set the personal needs allowance for Medicaid residents in nursing homes at \$60 per month.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.H.B. 143 sets the personal needs allowance for Medicaid residents in nursing homes at \$60 per month.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsection (v), to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to set a personal needs allowance of not less than \$60 a month for a person who receives medical assistance and resides in a licensed convalescent home or other similar long-term care facility. Authorizes the HHSC to send the allowance directly to a resident who receives Supplemental Security Income. Provides that this subsection does not apply to a resident participating in a medical assistance waiver program administered by HHSC.

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: September 1, 1999. Makes the application of this Act prospective.

(b) Requires HHSC or the Texas Department of Human Services (department) to implement this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. Authorizes HHSC or the department to implement this Act if such appropriation is not made.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.