

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill Summary

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The measure directs the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to include in the development of a cash and counseling program the following components to ensure that:

- Consumers receive a monthly budget based on their needs;
- Consumers have the ability to use the budget to buy personal care services and make home modifications to suit their needs; and
- Counselors are available to help consumers develop and revise their budgets.

Fiscal Summary

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HB 1700 requires Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to implement a consumer directed option in Medicaid waivers and personal care service serving people with disabilities. Implementation is contingent upon approval from the Federal Government and funding from the Oklahoma Legislature.

Provisions of the program include:

- Each consumer receiving a monthly budget of funds to purchase home and community based services personal care, homemaking, home modification, adult day care and respite
- Consumer authority to use that budget to purchase personal care and
- Counselors available to work with consumers in developing and revising budgets

The ADvantage Program has a consumer-directed pilot for personal care services in that program. It is only in the Tulsa area but OKDHS plans to expand that option statewide. The bill does not appear to exclude waivers serving persons with mental retardation.

Fiscal Analysis

Initially, the bill might be budget neutral, since there are no new eligibility groups. The persons served under the consumer directed option would be provided services through the existing service delivery options in ADvantage Program, if the consumer directed option did not exist. The per-person cost of the consumer directed services would not be expected to cost the state more than the same services provided through the current delivery model.

Developmental Disabilities Services Division (DDSD), however, anticipates a fiscal impact with the implementation of the Self-Directed Care Program, but cannot speculate a cost estimate at

the current time. DDSD and Oklahoma Health Care Authority have been working with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend the In-Home Supports Waivers to allow for a Self-Directed Service option and provide federal funding for the program. Once the Waiver amendments are approved, DHS-DDSD will issue an invitation to bid for the financial management services and be able to determine the fiscal impact of the implementation of the Self-Directed Care Program as relative to DHS-DDSD.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

OHCA and DDSD are awaiting approval from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to the In-Home Support Waiver to provide federal funding for operation of the Self-Directed Care Program established in this bill. If this is approved and after an invitation to bid for financial management services is sought, DDSD will be better able to provide a fiscal impact related to the measure.

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