

AGING & LONG-TERM SUPPORT ADMIN Redesign In-Home Care System



2016 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	0.3	1.0	0.6
GF-State	\$21,000	\$70,000	\$91,000
Total	\$41,000	\$140,000	\$181,000

DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Aging and Long Term Support Administration (AL TSA) requests \$181,000 (\$91,000 GF-State) to use either one FTE beginning April 1, 2016, or contracted services to explore options to transform the individual provider (IP) home care program to improve quality, oversight, and efficiency and reduce potential state liability while maintaining a consumer directed program. Options for consideration will include the agency with choice model and models used by other states to operationalize their home care program. The department is required to provide the Legislature with a report in December 2016 that would detail the perspectives of other states, consumers and workers and make recommendations to improve Washington’s IP home care program.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Washington’s success in providing home care for individuals who require long-term services and supports has created the need for a significant infrastructure to support individual providers of personal care to ensure that the state continues to have a viable long-term service and supports home care program. There are currently 35,000 IPs, and this number will grow significantly over the next decade as the number of people requiring in-home services increases as a result of the age wave. Ensuring our IP home care program is supported in an efficient manner as possible is vital to ensure that long-term services and supports are provided in the most cost effective manner that also reflects consumer choice in where individuals choose to live and receive services.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Given the importance of this issue, the department is requesting funding to look at other IP home care programs across the country and develop a report to the Legislature that would provide a basis for the Legislature to see what improvements could be made in Washington’s program. The report will include the current state of our infrastructure as well as an analysis of what other states are doing that would improve Washington’s IP home care program. In developing the report and conducting the assessment of other IP home care programs, the department will ensure consumer and stakeholder concerns and suggestions are included in the report. The report would be due to the Legislature by December 15, 2016.



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EXPECTED RESULTS

The state invests nearly a billion dollars annually in the IP home care program. We would like to ensure that our system has the capacity to meet the expected increase in need and does this work with maximum efficiency. This report will call out what modifications are necessary to ensure the most efficient use of resources in supporting IPs and provide maximum flexibility and consumer direction to individuals who receive personal care in their homes.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

This proposal is supported by SEIU 775 and we expect that consumers and advocates will support this proposal as well, as it is intended to further strengthen our ability to ensure home care services and promote individual choices related to long-term services and supports.