

Senate Bill 610

By: Senators Harrell of the 40th, Burke of the 11th, Dugan of the 30th, Butler of the 55th,
Watson of the 1st and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community
3 Health to conduct a comprehensive review of provider reimbursement rates for home and
4 community based services covered by the waiver programs; to provide for input from the
5 public, service providers, and other stakeholders; to provide for proposed rate models and
6 estimated fiscal impact; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
7 other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "49-4-142.4.

13 (a) Beginning Fiscal Year 2024, and at least every three years thereafter, the department
14 shall conduct a comprehensive review of provider reimbursement rates for home and
15 community based services covered by the New Options Waiver (NOW) program, the
16 Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), the Independent Care Waiver Program
17 (ICWP), and the Elderly and Disabled Waiver Program (EDWP). Such review shall be

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18 conducted on all waiver services and shall include input from the public, service providers,
19 and other stakeholders.
20 (b) Based on the comprehensive review conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code
21 section, the department shall develop proposed rate models, related documentation, and
22 associated policy changes to the policies and procedures of each waiver program. In
23 addition, the department shall provide the projected fiscal impact of implementing such
24 proposed rate models. Such proposed rate models, related documentation, associated
25 policy changes, and the projected fiscal impact shall be submitted to the board, the
26 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and the General
27 Assembly."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.