



**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**Fiscal Analysis:** The legislation requires monthly visits, including two by a physician, for residents in nursing homes. Currently, federal law requires that Medicaid members in nursing homes receive a visit once every 30 days for the first 90 days and then every 60 days thereafter. On average, the bill will expand the number of visits in a year by six. Currently, approximately 16,300 Medicaid members are classified as nursing home residents. DMAS is not billed by nursing homes per physician visit; however, the agency was able to use a collection of Current Procedural Terminology codes to estimate current visits and costs. Based on current nursing home residents, it is estimated that the bill would result in roughly 97,800 additional visits by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner annually. Because the bill would require DMAS to expand the number of visits to nursing home residents it covers in a year, DMAS estimates that medical services costs will increase by approximately \$7.2 million (\$3.3 million general fund) annually to cover the additional visits to member residents.

The provisions of the bill require VDH to monitor compliance and maintain a database for each nursing home's compliance rate with physician visit and comprehensive assessment requirements. VDH would require \$225,000 general fund to contract with a vendor to develop and maintain a dashboard. Ongoing costs for operation and maintenance of the dashboard are estimated to be \$25,000.

Additionally, the bill would require VDH to develop an accountability scorecard for each nursing home and to publish such data annually. VDH would need one full-time position to develop a scorecard for each nursing home subject to this legislation. The development and publication of each scorecard would require a review and analysis of the submitted documentation and comparison against the scorecard's criteria. The cost for this position is estimated to be \$95,000 general fund to assist with data analysis and scorecard development.

Any increase in workload for VDH to publish compliance information on its website can be handled within existing resources.

**Other: -**