

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB555-S1

Patron: Sturtevant

Bill Title: Nursing homes; periodic medical visits and resident assessments; civil penalties.

Bill Summary: Requires all nursing homes to provide notice to the resident, resident's family or legal representative and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) if any required visits to a resident by a physician do not take place in accordance with the federal physician visit schedule described in 42 CFR § 483.30(c). The bill also requires each nursing home to conduct a comprehensive assessment at least once every 366 days to determine each resident's needs and describe each resident's capability to perform daily life functions. Such assessments must be reviewed at least once every 92 days, and more frequently in the event of a significant change in the resident's physical or mental condition. The nursing home is directed to develop a comprehensive plan of care for each resident within seven days of completion of the comprehensive assessment.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Fiscal Summary: This bill, as substituted, does not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) or VDH.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill, as substituted, aligns physician visits to nursing home residents with standards with which DMAS already complies; therefore, there is not a fiscal impact on DMAS. Additionally, the substitute removes the requirement for VDH to maintain a database; therefore, there is not a fiscal impact on VDH.

Other: -