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Public Hearing on HEA 1391 Report

Indiana's Division of Aging, within the Office of the Secretary of the Family and Social Services Administration, has been charged with providing a written report to the General Assembly before October 1, 2015, regarding 1) long term care services, and 2) skilled nursing facilities and Medicaid reimbursement methodology issues.

To meet this directive, the Division of Aging has convened a Task Force comprised of representatives from Indiana's State Department of Health, the Office of Management and Budget, the State Budget Office, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, as well as staff members within the Division of Aging. Much of the report's content will be drawn from stakeholder input. The Task Force has scheduled two opportunities for public participation regarding these issues, at Indiana Government Center South.

The first session, Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Conference Room 10, will focus on:

- Long term care services currently available in Indiana, including regulated and unregulated methods of service delivery;
- Long term care services policies implemented in the past;
- Other states' approaches to serving individuals efficiently and cost-effectively in both home and community-based settings and in institutional care through new technologies, such as telemedicine, and remote patient monitoring;
 - Telemedicine is exchanging medical information from one site to another via electronic communications, including two-way video, e-mail, smart phones, and wireless tools, to improve a patient's clinical health status
 - Remote patient monitoring is ambulatory healthcare that allows a patient to use a mobile medical device to perform a routine test and send the test data to a healthcare professional in real-time
- Demographic trends by payer sources;
- Demand and usage of long-term care services options statewide, and by county or other geographic setting; and
- Program and policy options for long-term care services in which demand exceeds current capacity for providing those services.

The second session, Thursday, February 26, 2015, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Conference Room 3, will focus on:

- Medicaid reimbursement for skilled nursing facility care;
 - Consideration of a reimbursement methodology modification to reflect current and future models of care;
 - Incentives for quality care and quality outcomes;
- Indiana's past construction management policies-Certificates of Need and/or moratoria- used for building additional skilled nursing facilities;
 - Other states' approaches to managing similar construction;
- Costs and benefits to the state budget and the Medicaid program of building additional skilled nursing facilities;
 - Impact on Medicaid utilization for skilled nursing services

- Impact on availability and cost of capital for renovation and new construction of skilled nursing facilities, residential care facilities, assisted living facilities, and other senior housing options.

Please contact Lynn Clough (Lynn.Clough@fssa.in.gov), Director, Grants and Community Engagement, to schedule a time to present your testimony during the timeframe listed, or to submit written comments. Your verbal presentation must be no longer than twenty (20) minutes in length. Copies of presentations must be submitted in writing either in person or via email.