

**HF1102 - 0 - Home and Community-Based Waiver Assessments**

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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**State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details**

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\*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

<b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-

**Bill Description**

This bill allows waiver participants entering a health care facility for 121 days or less to resume their HCBS services at discharge without needing a new MNChoices assessment. Under current requirements, a new MNChoices assessment is needed when a facility stay is longer than 30 days.

**Assumptions**

It is anticipated that this change will not have a fiscal impact on the Medical Assistance program. It is assumed most waiver participants are likely to continue to meet level of care (LOC) needed for waiver eligibility after a facility stay. This bill is not expected to change the type or amount of service for which a person is eligible under current law.

The MNChoices assessment is one part in determining eligibility for waiver services. Participants must also meet financial eligibility requirements for Medical Assistance and, in some cases, have a certified disability determination. This bill does not make changes to financial eligibility and disability determination requirements, so it is assumed that participants will need to continue to meet those requirements and follow associated processes.

This bill is also not expected to result in changes to county assessment costs. Counties use random moment time studies to bill the Department of Human Services for assessment-related activities. While this bill could potentially result in some people not receiving a new assessment after a facility stay, it is not certain that the change will result in the random moment time study reflecting corresponding savings given the nature of random moment time studies and the work that would potentially still be needed related to service planning. Additionally, while a new assessment would not be required, people can request one at any time. If they have a change in need, they could request an assessment to make sure they had access to the services they need, therefore it is unknown how many assessments would decrease as a result of this bill.

No system or administrative changes or resources are needed to implement this bill.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

**Local Fiscal Impact**

**References/Sources**

CSA/CCOA Research

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