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FISCAL IMPACT**

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| Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Newell Rep. Primavera | Bill Status: Senate Health & Human Services Fiscal Analyst: Bill Zepernick (303-866-4777) |

SHORT TITLE: TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM FOR BRAIN INJURED

| Fiscal Impact Summary* | FY 2014-2015 | FY 2015-2016 |
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| State Revenue | | |
| State Expenditures | Potential increase. | |
| FTE Position Change | | |
| Appropriation Required: None. | | |

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

Currently, persons eligible for Medicaid waiver services for persons with traumatic brain injury (TBI) may receive transitional living services for a period between 6 and 12 months. This bill removes the time period from the definition of transitional living services.

Background

Transitional living is a nonmedical residential program that provides training and 24-hour supervision to clients with TBI in order to enhance their ability to live independently. Currently, no providers offer transitional living services under the Medicaid TBI waiver program and no clients are receiving transitional living services. Currently, the TBI waiver program serves about 280 clients and has expenditures of about \$12.8 million per year. Other services provided under the waiver include supported living services, independent living skills training, personal care, and nonmedical transportation.

State Expenditures

The bill may increase costs in the future by potentially extending the length of time clients participate in the program. Given that no clients are currently receiving transitional living services, the bill does not require additional appropriations to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. To the extent that providers and clients begin participating in the program at some point in the future, it is assumed funding needs will be addressed through the annual budget process.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Health Care Policy and Financing

Human Services