
DEPARTMENT OF AGING

- Permits the Department of Aging to require non-Medicaid providers to be certified by the Department as a condition of payment for services provided under programs the Department administers.
- Applies existing certification and payment provisions to providers of any services, not just community-based long-term care services.
- Authorizes the Department to develop and offer training programs to area agencies on aging, long-term care facilities and providers, and other interested parties.
- Authorizes the Department, through administrative rules, to design a payment method for PASSPORT administrative agency operation that includes a pay-for-performance incentive component.
- Requires the Department to operate in FY 2022 and FY 2023 an At Home Technology Pilot Program to provide grants for using remote monitoring technologies that assist older adults in staying in their homes, assisted living facilities, and other community-based settings.
- Requires the Department to prepare a report at the conclusion of the Pilot Program.

Certification of providers

(R.C. 173.39, 173.391, 173.392, and 173.393)

The bill permits the Department of Aging to require non-Medicaid providers to be certified by the Department as a condition of payment for services provided under programs the Department administers. If the Department does not require certification, the provider must continue to comply with existing law that requires the provider to have a contract or grant agreement with the Department to provide the services. As under current law, providers of services under the PASSPORT program and Assisted Living program must be certified as a condition of payment.

The bill applies existing certification and payment provisions that apply to community-based long-term care services to any services provided under a program the Department administers. This extends existing criminal records check requirements to additional providers.¹⁰

Training programs

(R.C. 173.012)

The bill authorizes the Department to develop and offer training programs to area agencies on aging, long-term care facilities, providers of long-term care services, and other

¹⁰ R.C. 173.38, not in the bill.

interested parties. The Department may charge a fee for the training and use fees collected to develop and offer additional training programs. The fees must be deposited into the Senior Community Outreach Fund, which the bill creates.

Performance-based reimbursement

(Section 209.20)

In order to improve health outcomes among populations served by PASSPORT administrative agencies, the bill authorizes the Department to design a payment method for PASSPORT administrative agency operation that includes a pay-for-performance incentive component that is earned by a PASSPORT administrative agency when defined consumer and policy outcomes are achieved.

If the Department opts to implement the payment method, it must do so through rules adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (R.C. Chapter 119). However, prior to filing a proposed rule with a pay-for-performance incentive component with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Department must submit a report to the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee outlining the payment method.

At Home Technology Pilot Program

(Section 209.40)

The bill requires the Department, during FY 2022 and FY 2023, to operate an At Home Technology Pilot Program to award grants to service providers for the purpose of initiating or enhancing use of remote monitoring technologies that assist older adults to continue residing in their homes, assisted living facilities, and other community-based settings. Examples of that technology include monitoring vital signs, tracking activities in daily living such as wake and sleep times, and assisting in maintaining a healthy, connected quality of life.

At the program's conclusion, the Department must prepare a report regarding its efficacy and the health outcomes of individuals served by it. The report must be submitted to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and to the chairpersons of the Senate and House standing committees that consider aging issues.