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AB-2423 Developmental services: rates. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 2423

CHAPTER 904

An act to add Section 4519.11 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2423, Mathis. Developmental services: rates.

Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, requires the State Department of Developmental Services to contract with regional centers for the provision of community services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. Existing law requires the department, on or before March 1, 2019, to submit a rate study to specified committees of the Legislature regarding community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Existing law requires the department to implement rate increases between April 1, 2022, and July 1, 2025, to raise service providers' rates based on a formula that takes into account the fully funded rate reflected in the rate models that were included in the rate study.

This bill would require the department, commencing on July 1, 2025, and every other year thereafter, subject to appropriation and the approval of federal funds, to review and update the rate models, as defined, per the cost inputs available at the time of the review. The bill would also require the department to post the updated rate models to its internet website no later than January 1 of the following year.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 4519.11 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, immediately following Section 4519.10, to read:

4519.11. (a) Commencing on July 1, 2025, and every other year thereafter, the department shall review and update the rate models per the cost inputs available at the time of the review and shall post the updated rate models on its internet website no later than January 1 of the following year.

(b) An adjustment to a provider rate pursuant to the updated rate models shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act and approval of federal funding.

(c) For purposes of this section, "rate model" means a rate model included in the rate study submitted to the Legislature pursuant to Section 4519.8.