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Overview

This bill appropriates money to the commissioner of human services, to provide grants for legal and referral assistance for certain individuals with emergency medical conditions or other health conditions.

Section

- 1** **Emergency medical assistance legal referral and assistance grants.** (a) Requires the commissioner of human services to award grants to one or more nonprofit programs that provide legal services based on indigency. The grants are to be used to provide legal services to individuals with emergency medical conditions or complex and chronic health conditions, who are not currently eligible for MA or other public health care programs due to their legal status, but who may meet eligibility requirements with legal assistance.
- (b) Requires the grantees, in collaboration with hospitals and safety net providers, to refer these individuals to alternative resources and services to meet their health care needs.
- (c) Appropriates \$150,000 in FY 2016 and \$150,000 in FY 2017 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services, to provide a grant or grants. States that this is a onetime appropriation.