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### Overview

This bill modifies a CDCS budget methodology exception for persons leaving institutions and crisis residential settings, expands the CDCS budget methodology exception, creates regional and local CDCS education and marketing grants, and appropriates money.

CDCS is an option under the home and community-based service waivers that provides the service recipient with fewer funds but more flexibility to manage his or her budget.

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- 1 CDCS budget methodology exception for persons leaving institutions and crisis residential settings, and for the prevention of an imminent crisis placement.** Amends Laws 2017, First Special Session ch. 6, art. 1, § 45. Modifies the date by which the commissioner must establish a CDCS budget methodology exception process and expands the exceptions to include home and community-based residential settings. For purposes of this exception, includes foster care when the cost of utilizing CDCS is less than the cost of the current foster care placement in home and community-based residential settings. Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.
- 2 Expansion of CDCS budget methodology exception.** No later than September 30, 2018, if necessary, requires the commissioner of human services to submit an amendment to CMS for the home and community-based service waivers to expand the exceptions to the CDCS budget methodology to provide up to 30 percent more funds for CDCS participants on a waiting list for crisis services to prevent imminent crisis placement in an institutional setting.

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Prohibits this increase from being provided for more than 12 months. Limits this expansion to those person who can demonstrate that they will have to discontinue using CDCS and accept other non-self-directed waiver services because the person's needs and supports cannot be met within the CDCS budget limits. Makes this exception effective October 1, 2018, or upon federal approval, whichever is later. Requires the commissioner of human services to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

**3** **Regional and local CDCS education and marketing grants.** Paragraph (a) requires the commissioner of human services to award onetime, competitive grants to eligible applicants for regional and local projects targeted to a designated community to:

- ▶ increase awareness of CDCS;
- ▶ increase the rate of utilization of CDCS, specifically in counties with low enrollment in the program;
- ▶ promote the benefits of support planning services; or
- ▶ connect eligible persons with disabilities, their parents and family members, and lead agency staff to education and resources related to CDCS.

Paragraph (b) specifies that project areas for the grant include local or community-based initiatives to: (1) promote the benefits of CDCS; and (2) provide informational materials and other resources to persons with disabilities eligible for CDCS, their parents and family members, and lead agency staff.

Paragraph (c) describes eligible grant applicants.

Paragraph (d) lists grant applicant requirements.

Paragraph (e) requires the commissioner to give priority to applicants who demonstrate that the proposed project meets certain listed criteria.

Paragraph (f) requires the commissioner to divide the state into specific geographic regions and allocate a percentage of the money available for the regional and local CDCS education and marketing grants to projects aimed at each region with an emphasis on counties with low rates of utilization of CDCS.

Paragraph (g) requires the commissioner to award grants by January 31, 2019.

Paragraph (h) requires grantees to report to the commissioner on the progress of the project at least once during the grant period, and, within two months of the end of the grant period, requires grantees to submit a final report to the commissioner that includes measurable outcomes.

Paragraph (i) lists the commissioner's duties.

**4** **Appropriation.** Appropriates a blank amount in fiscal year 2019 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the regional and local CDCS education and marketing grants. Specifies this is a onetime appropriation.