

LONG TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS BILLS PASSED

HB 504	Guillen, Ryan(D) Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to designating the second full week in September as Direct Support Professionals Week.
	Remarks:	Designates the 2nd week in September as Direct Support Professionals Week.
	Bill History:	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
HB 2789	Raymond, Richard(D) Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to trauma-informed care training for certain employees of state supported living centers and intermediate care facilities.
	Remarks:	Requires initial pre-work and annual training on trauma-informed care for SSLC and ICF employees. Permits internet training.
	Bill History:	09-01-15 G Earliest effective date
HB 3523	Raymond, Richard(D) Perry, Charles (F)(R)	Relating to improving the delivery and quality of Medicaid acute care services and long-term care services and supports.
	Remarks:	SB7 (2013) follow up that would update implementation dates and would re-authorize and provide more direction to oversight committees. See article Update: Transition to Managed Care on TCDD's website here: tcdd.texas.gov/transition-managed-care-june15-update/
	Bill History:	06-19-15 G Earliest effective date
SB 169	Uresti, Carlos(D) King, Susan(R)	Relating to ensuring that certain military members who reside out of state and their dependents maintain their positions on waiting lists for certain assistance programs provided by health and human services agencies.
	Remarks:	Ensures that military families stationed outside of Texas maintain their interest list position in their absence. Limit to one year maintenance on wait list after duty ends, or person dies in service.
	Bill History:	06-15-15 G Earliest effective date
SB 304	Schwertner, Charles(R) Raymond, Richard(D)	Relating to the abuse and neglect of residents of certain facilities.
	Remarks:	Requires licensure revocation for nursing facilities with three violations that constitute an immediate threat to the health and safety of a person. Some have suggested that this provision should apply to additional settings.
	Bill History:	06-19-15 G Earliest effective date

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HB 967	Crownover, Myra(R)	Relating to a pilot project to evaluate the use of radio frequency identification technology to transmit information regarding residents of certain group homes.
	Remarks:	Would have established pilot where a provider may use RFID device to identify and track resident of HCS group home with resident or guardian's consent.
	Bill History:	05-01-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services
HB 1623	Laubenberg, Jodie(R)	Relating to the reimbursement of providers for the provision of certain home telemonitoring services under the Medicaid program.
	Remarks:	Would have allowed telemonitoring for children with complex or chronic medical needs.
	Bill History:	05-11-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Human Services
HB 1739	Moody, Joe(D)	Relating to the personal needs allowance for certain Medicaid recipients who are residents of long-term care facilities.
	Remarks:	Would have increased personal needs allowance to \$75 per month. Does not include persons in HCS group homes with no minimum personal needs allowance.
	Bill History:	03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services
HB 3971	King, Susan(R)	Relating to the provision of notice by the Department of Aging and Disability Services to neighborhoods in which certain group homes are located to protect the safety of the residents of those group homes.
	Remarks:	Would have required group home and ICF providers to include a neighborhood and/or community engagement plan for each residence to promote positive relationships between community members and people using community based services.
	Bill History:	05-21-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Human Services
SB 30	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to financial eligibility for the Texas home living (TxHmL) waiver program.
	Remarks:	Would have expanded eligibility for the TxHmL Waiver program from 100% SSI to 300% SSI. Substitute expected to include deeming parental income.
	Bill History:	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 1475	Garcia, Sylvia(D)	Relating to establishing an enhanced Medicaid managed care consumer support system.
	Remarks:	Would have required an ombudsman system for all persons receiving services under any managed care product in order to reduce the need for internal appeals at the managed care organization and fair hearing levels.
	Bill History:	04-15-15 S Committee action pending Senate Health and Human Services
SB 1887	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the period for which a defendant with an intellectual disability who is found incompetent to stand trial may be civilly committed before the court holds a hearing.
	Remarks:	Would have required annual recommitment hearings for persons under forensic commitment to a SSLC.
	Bill History:	03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice
SB 1890	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the electronic monitoring of residents at state supported living centers.
	Remarks:	Would have allowed a resident of an SSLC to object and opt out of video monitoring in the residents private quarters.
	Bill History:	03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

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