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S.F. No. 1319 – Home and Community-Based Service Providers COVID-19 Related Grants Appropriations – As Amended by the A-2

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SF 1319, as amended by the A-2 amendment, distributes as retainer payments the value of the enhanced federal match for home and community-based services authorized in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Eligible recipients of retainer payments include enrolled medical assistance providers of:

- (1) Home health care services;
- (2) Personal care assistance services;
- (3) Community first services and supports;
- (4) Services provided under the elderly waiver;
- (5) Services provided under the alternative care program;
- (6) Services offered under the disability waivers;
- (7) Self-directed personal care assistance services;
- (8) Self-directed community first services and supports;
- (9) Housing stabilization services;
- (10) Targeted case management; and
- (11) Rehabilitative services

Eligible providers must apply for retainer payments and the value of the payments will be based on medical assistance revenue from claims paid by June 1, 2022, for services provided between April 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022. The payments will be made in quarterly installments between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022.

Recipients of payments must use the revenue from the payments for eligible uses as specified in the bill, and the uses are subject to audit and recovery as overpayments for up to six years if a recipient uses revenue from the retainer payments for an unauthorized use.

Among the authorized uses is a requirement that at least 50 percent of the revenue from the retainer payments be used by the recipient for supplemental wages and benefits for direct care professionals.