

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 23, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Patrick M. Rose, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB4158** by Rose (Relating to reimbursement rates for nursing home services provided to Medicaid recipients.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would direct the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to conduct periodic analysis of the base rates for nursing home services provided under the medical assistance program to enable the Executive Commissioner to set future rates. The agency indicates any cost to conduct the periodic study could be absorbed within available resources.

No significant fiscal implication is estimated based on the key assumption that HHSC would not increase nursing home rates beyond what current law or current methodology would result in. If however, the bill were interpreted to require an increase in nursing facility rates beyond what current law or current methodology would result in, the Department of Aging and Disability Services would incur additional expenses for client services and therefore require an increased appropriation of General Revenue Funds.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of

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