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**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee On Health & Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB7 by Nelson (Relating to improving the delivery and quality of certain health and human services, including the delivery and quality of Medicaid acute care services and long-term services and supports.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB7, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a positive impact of \$8,502,707 through the biennium ending August 31, 2015.

There are a number of provisions in the bill, particularly in ARTICLES 4 through 7, that could have significant cost or savings, but the amounts cannot be determined and are not reflected in the positive impact.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2014	(\$2,473,783)
2015	\$10,976,490
2016	\$119,959,926
2017	\$147,025,845
2018	\$171,318,525

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from GR Match For Medicaid 758</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from Federal Funds 555</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain from General Revenue Fund 1</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain from Foundation School Fund 193</b>
2014	(\$2,473,783)	(\$4,679,144)	\$0	\$0
2015	(\$36,473,537)	(\$322,546,064)	\$35,587,520	\$11,862,507
2016	(\$25,668,659)	(\$307,921,298)	\$109,221,439	\$36,407,146
2017	(\$9,054,863)	(\$284,973,443)	\$117,060,531	\$39,020,177
2018	\$3,681,569	(\$267,453,207)	\$125,727,717	\$41,909,239

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2013</b>
2014	26.4
2015	(105.1)
2016	(105.1)
2017	(105.1)
2018	(105.1)

**Fiscal Analysis**

ARTICLE 1 of the bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to design and implement a Medicaid acute care services and long-term services and supports system for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), to be implemented in two stages. The first stage would authorize HHSC and DADS to implement pilot programs to test one or more capitated managed care service delivery models for long-term services and supports with programs required to be implemented no later than September 1, 2016 and to operate for at least two years (except under certain conditions), but not beyond September 1, 2018. The first stage would also require HHSC to provide acute care services for individuals with IDD through a managed care model, which could include the STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care program. Finally, the first stage would require HHSC to implement under STAR+PLUS and STAR Kids the most cost-effective option, which also maximizes federal funding, for the delivery of basic attendant and habilitation services for individuals with IDD. The second stage would require HHSC to transition (by September 1, 2017) individuals enrolled in the Texas Home Living (TxHmL) waiver to a managed care model, which could include STAR+PLUS. The second stage would also require HHSC to transition, by September 1, 2020, individuals receiving services through other waivers or an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) to a managed care model, which could include STAR+PLUS. It would be at the discretion of HHSC to determine whether or not to continue operation of the affected Medicaid waiver programs for individuals with IDD or the ICF/IID program at the time of each transition. The bill would also create the Intellectual and Developmental Disability System Redesign Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE 2 of the bill would require mandatory participation in a capitated managed care program for acute care services for all Medicaid enrollees. HHSC would be required to conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of auto-enrolling eligible applicants in a Medicaid managed care plan and to report the results by December 1, 2014. If determined feasible, HHSC would be authorized to implement an automatic enrollment process. ARTICLE 2 would further require implementation of the STAR+PLUS Medicaid managed care program statewide, carve nursing facility benefits into

STAR+PLUS, establish a mandatory STAR Kids program for children with disabilities, and require children enrolled in the Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) waiver to enroll in STAR Kids. The bill would also create the STAR+PLUS Nursing Facility Advisory Committee, to be abolished on September 1, 2016 and require HHSC to provide a single portal through which nursing facility providers participating in STAR+PLUS can submit claims to any participating managed care organization (MCO).

ARTICLE 3 of the bill would require DADS to implement, subject to the availability of federal funding, a comprehensive assessment and resource allocation process. DADS would also be required to establish a prior authorization process for requests for supervised living or residential support services available in the Home and Community-based Services (HCS) waiver. The executive commissioner of HHSC would be required to adopt or amend rules to allow for the development of additional housing supports for individuals with IDD. DADS, in cooperation with other entities, would be required to coordinate with public housing entities to expand housing opportunities for individuals with IDD. DADS would also be required, subject to the availability of federal funds, to develop and implement a training program for persons providing direct services and supports to individuals with IDD and to establish at least one behavioral health intervention team; DADS would be required to ensure that members of a behavioral health intervention team receive training on trauma-informed care. HHSC and DADS would be required to conduct a study related to persons with Prader-Willi Syndrome.

SECTION 4.01 would require HHSC to establish a clinical improvement program for Medicaid managed care and require Medicaid MCOs to develop and implement collaborative program improvement strategies.

SECTION 4.02 would amend requirements related to value-based contracts under Medicaid managed care.

SECTION 4.03 would require HHSC to create a quality-based incentive program for assigning those Medicaid recipients who do not select a managed care plan into a plan.

SECTION 4.04 would require HHSC to decrease, where possible, administrative process requirements for MCOs and administrative reporting and process requirements for providers under Medicaid managed care. HHSC would also be required to expand a required portal through which providers in any MCO network may submit claims for acute care services to accept claims for long-term services and supports.

SECTION 4.05 would allow HHSC, if cost-effective, to redirect the state's share of shared profits earned by Medicaid MCOs to certain MCOs in order to encourage payment reform and certain efficiencies.

SECTION 4.06 amends the composition of the Medicaid and CHIP Quality-based Payment Advisory Committee.

SECTION 4.07 would amend requirements related to quality-based outcome and process measures for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

SECTION 4.08 would require HHSC to require MCOs to develop quality-based payment systems for compensating providers participating in CHIP or Medicaid.

SECTION 4.09 would require HHSC to convert outpatient hospital reimbursement under Medicaid and CHIP to an appropriate prospective payment system. SECTION 4.19 would require the conversion to occur by September 1, 2013.

SECTION 4.10 would require HHSC to develop a web-based capability to provide MCOs and providers with certain performance data.

SECTION 4.11 would amend reporting requirements related to CHIP and Medicaid quality-based payments and outcomes and require HHSC to make the annual report available to the public.

SECTION 4.12 would amend requirements related to quality-based premiums for MCOs participating in CHIP and Medicaid.

SECTION 4.13 would authorize HHSC to allow flexibility for MCOs participating in CHIP or Medicaid with respect to reducing the incidence of unnecessary institutionalization and increasing the use of alternative payment systems.

SECTION 4.14 would require the executive commissioner of HHSC to adopt rules for identifying potentially preventable admissions, ancillary services, and emergency room visits in CHIP and Medicaid and add reporting of these events to an existing report to hospitals participating in CHIP and Medicaid. HHSC would be required to publicly release information in these reports to hospitals.

SECTION 4.16 would require HHSC to establish payment initiatives to improve integration of acute care services and long-term services and supports in CHIP and Medicaid.

SECTION 4.17 would authorize HHSC, if feasible and cost-effective, to develop and implement quality-based payment systems for Medicaid long-term services and supports providers.

SECTION 5.01 would require HHSC to pursue and, if appropriate, implement Medicaid rate-setting strategies for premiums that encourage payment reform and certain efficiencies.

SECTION 5.02 would require HHSC, to the extent allowable under federal law, to implement a premium, to be paid by a parent or legal guardian, for long-term services and supports provided to children enrolled in Medicaid.

SECTION 6.02 would require HHSC and other health and human services agencies to share data.

SECTION 6.03 would authorize HHSC, if cost-effective, to implement a wellness screening program for Medicaid recipients.

SECTION 7.01 directs state agencies to request any federal waiver or authorization necessary to implement the provisions of the bill and authorizes the agencies to delay implementation of any provision until such waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 7.02 directs HHSC to seek a federal waiver or authorization to waive the requirement, for individuals dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, that an individual be hospitalized for three consecutive calendar days before Medicare covers post-hospital skilled nursing facility care.

SECTION 7.03 authorizes HHSC to use any available revenue to implement provisions of the bill.

## Methodology

ARTICLE 1: HHSC and DADS estimate a cost to implement two pilot programs of \$720,382 in All Funds in fiscal year 2015 and \$440,140 in All Funds in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for information technology, project management, and staffing. No estimated cost or savings related to client services is assumed.

HHSC assumes that providing acute care services for individuals with IDD through managed care could be accomplished for persons enrolled in the HCS, Community Living and Support Services (CLASS), Deaf Blind Multiple Disabilities (DBMD), and TxHmL waivers or receiving services in ICFs/IID (excluding State Supported Living Centers), excluding those who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare, beginning in fiscal year 2015 and for all persons, including dual-eligibles, beginning in fiscal year 2017. Savings are estimated at \$3.9 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2015, \$4.2 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2016, \$5.1 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2017, and \$5.4 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2018. These amounts include estimated savings for including long-term services and supports in managed care for TxHmL beginning in fiscal year 2017; savings for including these services in managed care for individuals in other waivers or ICFs/IID are not assumed to begin until fiscal year 2019.

HHSC assumes that the most cost-effective way to provide basic attendant and habilitation services for individuals with IDD would be by implementing Community First Choice, a new state plan option that would provide a six percentage-point increase in federal Medicaid matching rates for providing community-based attendant services and supports to beneficiaries who would otherwise be confined to an institution. Texas currently provides these services to certain elderly or disabled Medicaid enrollees who would otherwise be eligible for nursing facility care; implementing Community First Choice would expand services to Medicaid enrollees with a disability who might otherwise be eligible for care in an ICF/IID. The six percentage point enhanced match would apply to certain existing services and those provided to the expanded population. The cost is estimated to be \$371.4 million in All Funds, including \$134.8 million in General Revenue Funds, beginning in fiscal year 2015. The cost to General Revenue Funds would be offset by replacing \$93.1 million in General Revenue Funds with Federal Funds due to the enhanced match on existing services. The net cost to General Revenue Funds is estimated to be \$41.7 million beginning in fiscal year 2015.

ARTICLE 2: HHSC estimates a net savings to client services from mandating into managed care certain children currently allowed to opt-out, children for whom an adoption subsidy is provided, recipients of emergency Medicaid services, women enrolled in Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer, Medically Needy recipients, and pregnant women during the period of presumptive eligibility. Savings are estimated at \$11.0 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2015, \$11.9 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2016, \$12.9 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2017, and \$13.9 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2018.

Any potential savings from implementing an automatic enrollment process for Medicaid managed care would be dependent on the results of the feasibility study and cannot be determined at this time.

HHSC estimates a cost to client services from expanding STAR+PLUS statewide. Costs are estimated at \$10.5 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2015, \$3.5 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2016, \$3.6 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2017, and \$4.0 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2018.

HHSC estimates a cost to client services from carving nursing facility benefits into STAR+PLUS in

fiscal years 2015 and 2016 with savings beginning in fiscal year 2017. Costs are estimated at \$28.2 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2015 and \$14.5 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2016 with savings of \$9.1 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2017, and \$35.2 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2018.

HHSC estimates savings to client services from requiring children enrolled in MDCP to enroll in STAR Kids. Savings are estimated at \$5.2 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2015, \$5.6 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2016, \$6.0 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2017, and \$6.4 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2018.

HHSC estimates a cost to establish a single portal for submission of claims for long-term services and supports (including nursing facility services) of \$2.4 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2014 and \$780,000 in All Funds in fiscal year 2015.

ARTICLE 3: This Article would implement recommendations in the report “Improve Assessment and Resource Use in Community Programs” in the Legislative Budget Board’s Government Effectiveness and Efficiency Report, submitted to the Eighty-third Texas Legislature, 2013. The estimated All Funds cost to implement the comprehensive assessment and contract for development of a resource allocation methodology is \$1.0 million in fiscal year 2014, \$2.0 million in fiscal year 2015, \$1.25 million in fiscal year 2016, and \$0.5 million in fiscal year 2017. Any cost from establishment of a prior authorization process for certain services in the HCS waiver cannot be determined at this time. Ultimately, savings could be achieved from diverting clients to less costly services and settings, but those savings cannot be determined at this time. HHSC estimates a cost to establish one behavioral intervention team and to develop and implement a training program of \$1.6 million in fiscal year 2014 and \$1.4 million in fiscal year 2015 and subsequent fiscal years; crisis response and treatment services would be provided to 50 individuals each year.

ARTICLES 4 through 7: Costs or savings associated with most provisions in these articles cannot be estimated at this time.

Redirecting the state’s share of shared profits earned by Medicaid MCOs, as authorized under SECTION 4.05, is not assumed to be cost-effective since those funds are currently appropriated to HHSC and used to fund the Medicaid program; redirecting them to MCOs would require replacement of those appropriated funds with other General Revenue Funds unless the redirection would result in an offsetting savings.

According to HHSC, SECTION 4.09 would result in replacement of the current cost-based hospital outpatient payment system with an Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping (EAPG) system. Although SECTION 4.19 would require conversion by September 1, 2013, HHSC indicates that the conversion could not be accomplished for managed care until fiscal year 2015 and for fee-for-service until fiscal year 2017. HHSC estimates savings of \$32.3 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2015, increasing each fiscal year to \$48.4 million in All Funds by fiscal year 2018.

SECTION 5.02: The fiscal impact of this section cannot be determined. It is not known how many families could be subject to premiums or at what level. Additionally, maintenance of eligibility requirements in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act make such premium payments voluntary until the maintenance of eligibility for children expires at the end of September 2019.

New study and reporting requirements (including those in SECTIONS 2.01, 3.03, and 4.14) are estimated to cost \$150,000 in All Funds in fiscal years 2014 and 2015. It is assumed that any costs associated with new advisory committees would not be significant and could be absorbed within

the available resources of HHSC.

**Premium Tax Revenue:** Increasing the number of recipients enrolled in managed care plans is assumed to result in an increase to insurance premium tax revenue, estimated as 1.75 percent of expenditures for these recipients. Revenue is adjusted for payment in March for each prior calendar year (an estimated one-third of estimated revenue for each fiscal year is assumed to be collected in that fiscal year with the remainder collected the following fiscal year). Pursuant to Section 227.001(b), Insurance Code, 25 percent of the revenue is assumed to be deposited to the credit of the Foundation School Fund. The total increase to premium tax revenue associated with the provisions of the bill is estimated to be \$47.5 million in fiscal year 2015, \$145.6 million in fiscal year 2016, \$156.1 million in fiscal year 2017, and \$167.6 million in fiscal year 2018.

**Administration:** The managed care expansion provisions of the bill are estimated to result in an increase to full-time equivalents (FTEs) of 26.4 at HHSC beginning in fiscal year 2014 at a cost of \$2.0 million in All Funds, which includes employee benefits. The expansion would result in a reduction to FTEs of 131.5 at DADS beginning in fiscal year 2015 at a savings of \$5.7 million in All Funds, which includes employee benefits. The managed care expansions are not assumed to produce any administrative savings, although including administrative expenditures in managed care premiums could increase premium tax revenue. Additionally, payment of premiums under managed care cancels out an existing savings in Medicaid related to delayed payment of claims and cash accounting, resulting in a one-time cost in fiscal year 2015 that cannot be estimated and is not included in this analysis.

No increased expenditures related to the health insurance excise tax included in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act are included in this analysis. HHSC has indicated that there would need to be an increase to premiums of \$35.2 million in fiscal year 2015 increasing to \$140.7 million by fiscal year 2018; however, the cost of the tax to MCOs is not required to be covered by the state through premium increases. Additionally, the tax is a sum certain amount to be allocated to health insurance providers subject to the tax and the cost to any one MCO or state cannot be determined at this time.

### **Technology**

HHSC estimates a cost to establish a claims portal of \$2.4 million in All Funds in fiscal year 2014 and \$780,000 in All Funds in fiscal year 2015.

### **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 332 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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