

OLDER IOWANS LEGISLATURE  
2007 PRIORITY BILLS

**#3 Priority Senior Issue: Bill 07-05**

**Parity of Reimbursement for Home and Community Based Services**

An act establishing parity of reimbursement for home and community based services.

**EXPLANATION**

- Iowa spends a major portion of the resources for senior services in institutional care and could be using the resources of home and community based services as an alternative.
- Home and community based services could save Iowa taxpayers by delaying nursing home placement and enabling people to remain in their homes and communities.
- Reimbursement for providers of services under a medical assistance home and community based services waiver has not always been on parity with providers of services in nursing homes.

**IMPACT**

- The reimbursement for a provider of services under a medical assistance program home and community based services waiver shall be recalculated annually on July 1.
- The annual inflation factor applied shall be determined based on the total skilled nursing facility market basket index utilized by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- The use of the inflation factor described above would establish parity of reimbursement for providers of home and community based services paid through medical assistance programs.
- The annual recalculation will be funded through the general health and welfare services appropriation and will be made possible through the savings of utilizing home and community based services.

**The Older Iowans Legislature strongly supports home and community based services for older adults and therefore supports a bill that reimburses providers of home and community based services at parity with providers of institutional services.**

**PENDING BILLS FROM THE 2007 SESSION OF THE IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- House File 22  
By Huser  
A bill for an act relating to services for which reimbursement may be provided under a medical assistance home and community-based services waiver for the elderly.  
January 16, 2007  
January 31, 2007

Read first time, referred to Appropriations  
Subcommittee, Foege, Berry, and Heaton

- Senate File 252  
 By Human Resources  
 A bill for an act relating to services for which reimbursement may be provided under a medical assistance home and community-based services waiver for the elderly. (Formerly SF 52). (Fiscal note for SF 52).  
 February 21, 2007                    Introduced, placed on calendar  
 February 21, 2007                    Committee report, approving bill  
 February 22, 2007                    Fiscal note  
 March 8, 2007                         Referred to Appropriations  
 March 27, 2007                        Subcommittee, Ragan, Dvorsky, and Seymour
  
- Senate File 335  
 By Local Government  
 A bill for an act relating to zoning provisions for the premises of home and community-based services waiver providers. (Formerly SF 125)  
 March 5, 2007                         Introduced, placed on calendar  
 March 5, 2007                         Committee report, approving bill  
 March 12, 2007                        Passed Senate, ayes 48, nays none  
 March 12, 2007                        Immediate message  
 March 12, 2007                        Message from Senate  
 March 13, 2007                        Read first time, referred to Local Government  
 March 13, 2007                        Subcommittee, D. Olson, Deyoe, and Schueller
  
- House File 290  
 By Heaton  
 A bill for an act relating to utilization of Medicaid home and community based services waiver services, and providing an appropriation.  
 February 9, 2007                      Introduced, referred to Appropriations  
 February 14, 2007                      Subcommittee, Foege, Gayman, and Heaton
  
- House File 713  
 By Heaton, Tomenga, Hoffman, Dolecheck, Worthan, Soderberg, May, Watts, Anderson, Drake, Greiner, Clute, Rayhons, Miller L., Forristall, Deyoe, Huseman, Rasmussen, Chambers, Alons, Tjepkes, DeBoef, Arnold, Kaufmann, Schickel, Jacobs, Struyk, Olson S., Lukan, Boal, Paulsen, and Granzow.  
 A bill for an act providing for increased reimbursement to certain providers and for certain services under the purview of the department of human services, and providing an appropriation.  
 March 7, 2007                         Introduced, referred to Appropriations  
 March 13, 2007                        Subcommittee, Foege, Gayman, and Heaton