



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 464

PRINTERS NO. 1392

PRIME SPONSOR: Boback

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
Lottery Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 464, Printer's Number 1392, amends the Family Caregiver Support Act to align the state Caregiver Support Program with federal standards. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation removes the statutory maximum reimbursements for caregiver out-of-pocket expenses and homes modifications, which are currently \$200 per month and \$2,000 per case, respectively. Maximum reimbursements will be established by the Department of Aging following publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and notification provided to the Senate Aging and Youth Committee and House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee.

The bill prohibits reimbursement to a caregiver who is a perpetrator in a substantiated case under the Older Adult Protective Services Act, the Adult Protective Services Act or Child Protective Services.

To align with the federal program eligibility, HB 464 expands the definition of "care receiver" to add a child being raised by a grandparent and an adult with a disability who is cared for by an older adult so that caregivers of those individuals are eligible for the state program.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Although the maximum reimbursements for out-of-pocket expenses and home modifications are subject to increase under this legislation, the Caregiver Support Program is not an entitlement program and will not require additional funding. Since fiscal year 2015-16, the appropriation has lapsed an average of \$1.6 million per year. This legislation may reduce lapses in future years by expanding program eligibility and increasing reimbursement maximums.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.