

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 959

PRINTER NO. 1650

AMOUNT

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FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

November 20, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Bartolotta

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 959 amends Section 443.1 (Medical Assistance Payments for Institutional Care) of the Human Services Code to provide for an additional payment of \$130 per eligible Medicaid ventilator or tracheostomy day for qualified medical assistance nonpublic and county nursing facilities. Payments will begin on or after fiscal year 2019-20 and are to be made on a quarterly basis. The Department of Human Services (department) is required to ensure the payment distribution is made to all qualifying nursing facilities in the fee-for-service and managed long-term care services and supports programs.

A nonpublic or county nursing facility will qualify for payment if, during any quarter of the year, either of the following criteria is met:

- I. For FY 2019-20 and thereafter the facility had:
 - o Ten or more medical assistance recipient residents who received medically necessary ventilator care or tracheostomy care according to the most recently available Picture Date CMI Report; and
 - o 17% or more of the facility's medical assistance resident population received medically necessary ventilator care or tracheostomy care according to at least one of the three most recently available Picture Date CMI Reports; or
- II. For FY 2019-20, the facility would have met the criteria outlined above if the November 1, 2019, Picture Date CMI Report had been among the most recently available reports.

Senate Bill 959 requires the department to publish the information contained in the Supplemental Ventilator Care and Tracheostomy Care Payment file on the department's publicly accessible internet website on a quarterly basis.

This act shall take effect immediately.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Supplemental Ventilator Care and Tracheostomy Care Payments for December Report is the most recent report available at the time of this analysis and is based on May 2019 Picture Date data. Based upon this report, there are nine providers that qualify according to the eligibility criteria. There are 252 Medical Assistance Vents-Trach recipients in these qualified facilities, which equates to a potential 91,980 days per year that would earn the additional \$130/day payment. The increased payment will cost the Commonwealth \$12 million in total funds and \$5.7 million in state funds.