

Assembly Bill No. 1470

CHAPTER 826

An act to add Section 12304.4 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to in-home supportive services.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1470, Ridley-Thomas. In-home supportive services: direct deposit wage payments.

Existing law provides for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, under which, through employment by the recipient, by or through contract by the county, or by the creation of a public authority or pursuant to a contract with a nonprofit consortium, qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons receive services enabling them to remain in their own homes. Under existing law, counties are responsible for the administration of the program. Existing law allows an IHSS recipient who hires and pays his or her service provider and who has been a recipient for at least a year to receive his or her IHSS grant through an electronic transfer.

This bill would allow an IHSS provider to authorize payment to himself or herself for IHSS services through direct deposit under a program established by the Controller.

This bill would require the Controller and the State Department of Social Services to determine the cost of developing and implementing the direct deposit program and to collect the cost from a nongovernmental 3rd-party contractor or the organization, entity, or individual requesting payment in order to utilize the direct deposit program.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12304.4 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

12304.4. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person entitled to the receipt of direct payment as an individual provider pursuant to Section 12302.2 for providing in-home supportive services may authorize payment to be directly deposited by electronic fund transfer into the person's account at the financial institution of his or her



choice under a program for direct deposit by electronic transfer established by the Controller.

(b) The Controller and the department shall determine the cost of developing and implementing the direct deposit program identified in subdivision (a) and shall collect the cost from a nongovernmental third-party contractor or the organization, entity, or individual requesting payment in order to utilize the direct deposit program.

