Introduced by Assembly Member Weber

January 8, 2015

An act relating to in-home supportive services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 97, as introduced, Weber. In-home supportive services: provider wages.

Existing law establishes the county-administered In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, under which qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons are provided with services in order to permit them to remain in their own homes and avoid institutionalization. Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions.

Existing law provides, as part of the Coordinated Care Initiative, that not sooner than March 1, 2013, all Medi-Cal long-term services and supports, including IHSS, are required to be services that are covered under managed care health plan contracts and to be available only through managed care health plans to beneficiaries residing in Coordinated Care Initiative counties, except for the provided exemptions.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create a mechanism to pay In-Home Supportive Services program providers for additional hours worked through the Coordinated Care Initiative.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to create a mechanism to pay In-Home Supportive
- 3 Services program providers for additional hours worked through
- 4 the Coordinated Care Initiative.