

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No. DCF 61 emergency rule
Amendment No. if Applicable

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N

ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

Subject
Qualified residential treatment programs

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Government costs Indeterminate

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No
 Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected: <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Villages <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

DCF Chapter 61 allows DCF to certify a residential care center, group home, or shelter care facility to operate a qualified residential treatment program for children and youth (QRTP) if it determines that the facility meets federal QRTP requirements (42 USC 672 (k) (4)). There are costs associated with establishing certification, licensing, and monitoring QRTPs that can be absorbed with current staff and budget. Once established, the Department may claim additional federal reimbursement for these placements.

Federal Claiming Reimbursment

Effective September 29, 2021, federal reimbursement for the care and maintenance of a child placed in a residential care center for children and youth, group home, or shelter care facility, will only be applied for the first 2 weeks in care, unless the child is placed in a qualified residential treatment program or other federally-authorized treatment program. DCF claimed \$8.2 million in FFY 2019 and \$8.3M in FFY 2020 for Title IV-E congregate care placements. Absent these rules in place, DCF would receive significantly reduced title IV-E reimbursement on these claims. Projected claiming reimbursement totals under these rules are indeterminate due to a number of factors, including the number of QRTPs certified and number of placements across different settings.

Certification Costs

The Department anticipates that it will be able to absorb the costs to certify (DCF 61.04), review (DCF 61.05), and monitor compliance of (DCF 61.06-61.09) QRTPs using existing budget and staff. These rules are required under federal law. In turn, DCF will receive increased federal reimbursement on claims for children and youth placed in these settings (under 42 USC 672 (k) (1) and (2)).

Further, DCF 61.03 (2) requires that certified QRTPs have a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse staff and other clinical staff who meet a number of conditions. The Department has established a centralized nursing service contract to meet these required conditions using existing federal funds and GPR for SFY22 and SFY23. QRTPs certified by the Department under this chapter are able to use this nursing service to satisfy this requirement.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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