



Bill of the Week - 2/17/25
HB 2160

Community Living and Family and Individual Supports Waiver; program rule amendments.

Bill Status

Passed House 99-0

In Committee:

Senate Finance
and Appropriations

Key Points

- Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to seek the necessary approvals to amend the CL and FIS waivers.
- The amendments would seek to provide payment for direct support professionals (DSPs) to provide necessary supports in an acute care hospital setting.
- DSPs will be able to provide communication, behavioral and intensive personal care supports that may not be possible for hospital staff to provide.
- This also provides the individual with a friendly face during what may be a very stressful and scary time.
- DSPs can help relieve some of the pressures on nursing staff by assisting with non-medical tasks.
- In addition, the support provided by DSPs can provide families with peace of mind.

Impact on Virginians

Direct support professionals often have a close, ongoing relationship with patients in long-term care or community settings. Allowing them to assist in acute care can ensure smoother transitions between care settings and help maintain continuity in patient care.

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