

Introduced by Senator PanFebruary 21, 2019

An act to add Chapter 19 (commencing with Section 18999.9) to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to cognitive impairment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 440, as introduced, Pan. Cognitive Impairment Safety Net System Task Force.

Existing law establishes adult day health care as a Medi-Cal benefit and allows adults eligible to receive those benefits and who have medical or psychiatric impairments, including cognitive impairments, to receive adult day health care services. Existing law defines cognitive impairment to mean, among other attributes, the loss or deterioration of intellectual capacity characterized by impairments in short-term or long-term memory, language, and concentration and attention, including, but not limited to, mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia, or brain injury.

This bill would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to study and assess the need for a cognitive impairment safety net system to serve at-risk adults with cognitive impairment. The bill would specify the composition of the task force and require the task force to determine both short-term and long-term needs of this population. The bill would also require the task force to present its findings in a written report with recommendations to both the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1, 2021.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 19 (commencing with Section 18999.9)
2 is added to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions
3 Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 19. COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT SAFETY NET SYSTEM
6 TASK FORCE
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8 18999.9. (a) The Secretary of Health and Human Services
9 shall convene a task force to study and assess the need for a
10 cognitive impairment safety net system to serve at-risk adults with
11 cognitive impairment. For purposes of this section, “cognitive
12 impairment” includes dementia, traumatic brain injury, and those
13 diagnosed with a developmental disability after 18 years of age.

14 (b) The task force shall include, at a minimum, all of the
15 following:

16 (1) Individuals with cognitive impairment, which may include
17 family members of those individuals.

18 (2) Representatives from systems and programs that often come
19 into contact with this population, including, but not limited to,
20 developmental services, health, public health, mental health, human
21 services, and a public guardian, public conservator, or public
22 administrator.

23 (3) Representatives from stakeholder groups that have an interest
24 in meeting the needs of this population.

25 (c) Duties of the task force shall include all of the following:

26 (1) Determining the short-term and long-term services needed
27 by this population, including, but not limited to, meeting more
28 immediate needs, such as mental health, health, and developmental
29 disabilities, and long-term supports and services, including ongoing
30 case management, supportive housing or adult placement similar
31 to foster care, and caregiver support.

32 (2) Consider options for expanding existing services or
33 developing new service structures to support the population,
34 including options for financing.

35 18999.10. The task force created pursuant to this chapter shall
36 present its findings in a written report with recommendations to

- 1 both the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1,
- 2 2021, in accordance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

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