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## Under the Dome: Special Issue!

On Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, [House Study Bill \(HSB\) 764](#) passed out of the full House Appropriations Committee. On behalf of House Democrats, Rep. Mark Smith introduced an amendment (501) to restore the \$3,000,000 for the Case Management Program for Frail Elders (CMPFE) in the Governor's budget and the \$62,500 related to consumer education on their long-term care options. The amendment failed on a party line vote. Additional amendments were offered to the bill and passed related to technical issues (502) and the Iowa Veteran's Home (503). The bill was voted out of committee along party lines, with House Democrats voting against the bill in its present form and House Republicans voting to move the bill. The bill now moves to the House floor. The bill will likely be debated on the House floor early next week.

Currently, [HSB 764](#) includes a \$750,000 increase to the CMPFE. The bill also caps monthly client reimbursement for case management at \$70.00 (the Department has projected the need for an average monthly statewide reimbursement rate of \$114.00). The Governor's budget request was for an additional \$3,000,000.

[HSB 764](#) also does not include the \$62,500 for "Winning Compliance", which was requested in the Governor's budget. The DEA continues to be concerned about consumers having accurate information regarding their long-term care options, particularly related to adult day services, elder group homes and assisted living.

## Why We Are Concerned About the Case Management Program for Frail Elders?

The Department of Elder Affairs (DEA) believes that our original budget offer, which was included in the Governor's budget, was an accurate assessment of the need for additional resources. This includes an additional 1.0 FTE within the Department to analyze the information related to CMPFE as a Medicaid service. The group which developed this proposal included experts with extensive knowledge of the CMPFE program from the Department of Elder Affairs and the Department of Human Services (DHS), as well as the Area Agencies on Aging.

Crucial to our analysis is the belief that CMS will require that no person

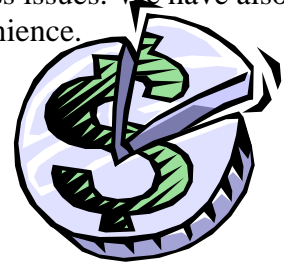
delivering waiver services to recipients of CMPFE may also perform the function of case management. The DHS has been consistent on this point through many recent conversations. If we are correct in this assumption, the \$70.00 cap on reimbursement per person per month is too low and the total appropriation does not cover the cost of the program.

## Why We Are Concerned About Consumers Having Information Related to Long-Term Care Options?

Since 2003, many changes have occurred related to the oversight of adult day services, elder group homes and assisted living. In these environments, consumers share risk in order to reduce regulation and increase options. To that end, consumers need materials that help them understand how adult day services, elder group homes and assisted living may meet their individual needs; the impact of tenant land-lord law in assisted living and elder group homes; Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules which outline minimum provider standards and information regarding tenant occupancy agreements. Governor Vilsack included this request for \$62,500 in his budget, while the House budget does not include this request.

## Who Should Iowans Contact on These Issues?

The Department of Elder Affairs encourages all Iowans, particularly older Iowans, to participate in the legislative process. As the Health and Human Services appropriations bill is now out of committee, **it is important to contact committee chairs and House leadership for both the majority and minority party if you have concerns on this issue.** Many legislators hold community forums and attend other events on week-ends in their districts, which is an excellent opportunity to discuss issues. We have also included contact information below for your convenience.



## Contact Information

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## Links to Committees:

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[House Health and Human Service Appropriations Subcommittee](#)

[House Human Resources Standing Committee](#)

[House Appropriations Standing Committee](#)

## House Leadership

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To provide advocacy, educational, and prevention services to older Iowans so they can find Iowa a healthy, safe, productive, and enjoyable place to live and work.

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