



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2401

PRINTERS NO. 3331

PRIME SPONSOR: Wheeland

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 2401, Printer's Number 2969, amends the Health Care Facilities Act to authorize certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNPs) and physician assistants (PAs) to order and oversee orders for home health services. This legislation also extends regulatory waivers. This legislation is effective immediately upon enactment.

ANALYSIS: HB 2401 amends the Health Care Facilities Act (HCFA) to align with federal law to allow CRNPs and PAs to order and oversee orders for home health services and abrogates current Department of Health regulations that require a physician to order and oversee home health services. The bill directs the Department of Human Services to seek any necessary federal approvals or waivers to effectuate the provisions of the bill for the Medical Assistance Program.

The bill provides that biweekly supervisory visits by a registered nurse to a patient receiving home health services may be done remotely, consistent with federal regulations.

The bill also adds a new chapter on COVID-19 Regulatory Flexibility Authority to the HCFA that extends Act 14 of 2022 regulatory waivers that expire on June 30, 2022, until October 31, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation should have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: June 30, 2022

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.