

SECTION 209.40. UNIFIED LONG-TERM CARE SYSTEM ADVISORY WORKGROUP

(A) As used in this section, "long-term care services" means both of the following:

(1) Services of long-term care facilities as defined in section 173.14 of the Revised Code;

(2) Community-based long-term care services as defined in section 173.14 of the Revised Code.

(B) There is hereby created for fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013 the Unified Long-Term Care System Advisory Workgroup. The Workgroup shall consist of the following members:

(1) The Director of Aging, or the Director's designee;

(2) The following persons appointed by the Governor:

(a) Advocates for individuals who use long-term care services;

(b) Representatives of providers of long-term care services;

(c) Representatives of managed care organizations under contract with the Department of Job and Family Services under section 5111.17 of the Revised Code;

(d) State policy makers.

(3) One member of the House of Representatives from the majority party and one member of the House of Representatives from the minority party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) One member of the Senate from the majority party and one member of the Senate from the minority party, appointed by the President of the Senate.

(C) Members of the Workgroup shall be appointed not later than fifteen days after the effective date of this section. Except to the extent that serving on the Workgroup is part of a member's regular employment duties, a member of the Workgroup shall not be paid for the member's service on the Workgroup. Members of the Workgroup shall not be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in serving on the Workgroup.

(D) The Director of Aging or the Director's designee shall serve as chairperson of the Workgroup. The Departments of Aging and Job and Family Services shall provide staff and other support services for the Workgroup.

(E) The Workgroup shall serve in an advisory capacity in the implementation of a unified system of long-term care services that facilitates all of the following:

(1) Providing consumers choices of long-term care services that meet their health-care needs and improve their quality of life;

(2) Providing a continuum of long-term care services that meets consumers' needs throughout life and promotes consumers' independence and autonomy;

(3) Assuring that the state has a system of long-term care services that is cost effective and connects disparate services across agencies and jurisdictions.

(F) The Workgroup, with the assistance of the Directors of Job and Family Services and Budget and Management, shall submit two reports to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code regarding a unified system of long-term care services. The first report is due not later than July 1, 2012. The second report is due not later than July 1, 2013. A report due before the unified system of long-term care services is established shall discuss the progress being made in establishing the system. A report due after the system is established shall discuss the system's effectiveness.

SECTION 209.50. UNIFIED LONG-TERM CARE SYSTEM ADVISORY WORKGROUP SUBCOMMITTEES

The Unified Long-Term Care System Advisory Workgroup shall convene four subcommittees.

The first subcommittee shall study the current and future capacity of nursing facilities in this state, the configuration of that capacity, and strategies for addressing nursing facility capacity, including the ability of nursing facility operators to determine the number of beds to certify for participation in the Medicaid program. The subcommittee shall complete a report of the part of the study regarding the ability of nursing facility operators to determine the number of beds to certify for participation in the Medicaid program not later than September 1, 2011.

For purposes related to division (D) of section 5111.244 of the Revised Code, the second subcommittee shall study the quality incentive payments to be paid to nursing facilities under the Medicaid program for fiscal year 2013, including accountability measures to be used in awarding points for the quality incentive payments and the methodology for calculating the quality incentive payments. The subcommittee shall complete a report of its study not later than September 1, 2011.

The third subcommittee shall study the process of making Medicaid eligibility determinations for individuals seeking nursing facility services. The subcommittee shall complete a report of its study not later than December 31, 2011.

The fourth subcommittee shall study Medicaid reimbursement for nursing facility services, including issues related to the composition of peer groups, methodologies used to calculate reimbursement for capital costs, and the proportion of the total nursing facility reimbursement rate that should be based on the quality of care nursing facilities provide. The subcommittee shall complete a report of its study not later than December 31, 2012.

Each subcommittee shall submit its report to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code and to the Directors of Aging, Health, and Job and Family Services. A subcommittee shall cease to exist on the submission of its report.