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[Urging Governor Jerry Brown to Sign Assembly Bill 101 - Quality Family Child Care Act]

Resolution urging Governor Jerry Brown to sign Assembly Bill 101, the Quality Family Child Care Act.

WHEREAS, Quality child care for working families is essential for early learning and school success for young children, a stable and productive workforce for local businesses, and a strong and growing economy for California; and,

WHEREAS, Licensed child care in California directly supports nearly 200,000 jobs – including more than 38,000 family child care providers - and generates nearly \$11 Billion annually for California's economy; and,

WHEREAS, Child care is equally critical to San Francisco's economy, generating nearly \$200 Million annually and directly supporting more than 4400 jobs, including nearly 700 family child care providers; and,

WHEREAS, high turnover in the child care field affects the quality of care children receive, reduces access for working families, and threatens economic growth and vitality for local communities; and,

WHEREAS, In 14 states, governors and state legislatures have formalized partnerships with child care providers to improve the quality of child care for working families, stabilize the child care workforce, ensure a voice for child care providers, and invest in jobs and economic vitality; and,

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 101, the Quality Family Child Care Act, authored by Assembly Speaker John A. Perez and Senate Pro-Tem Darrell Steinberg, was passed overwhelmingly by the California Legislature, including all four members of San Francisco's

delegation and is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 111036, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and,

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 101 would ensure that providers participate in decision-making about their livelihood, access professional development opportunities, and can come together to ensure high quality child care for working families, preserving jobs for California's fragile economy; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Jerry Brown has a strong history of commitment to California's working families, and a firm commitment to jobs and economic growth; and, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Governor Jerry Brown to sign Assembly Bill 101, the Quality Family Child Care Act, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board send this resolution to Governor Jerry Brown.

AMENDED IN SENATE SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 28, 2011 AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 15, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 101

Introduced by Committee on Budget (Blumenfield (Chair), Alejo, Allen, Brownley, Buchanan, Butler, Cedillo, Chesbro, Dickinson, Feuer, Gordon, Huffman, Mitchell, Monning, and Swanson) Assembly Member John A. Pérez

(Principal coauthor: Senator Steinberg)

January 10, 2011

An act to add Sections 4792, 12301.07, and 14105.09 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health and human services, and making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget. An act to add Article 19.5 (commencing with Section 8430) to Chapter 2 of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, relating to child care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 101, as amended, Committee on Budget John A. Pérez. Health and human services: Child care: family child care providers: bargaining representative.

(1) Existing law authorizes employees of public schools to form, join, and participate in the activities of an employee organization for the purpose of representation on matters of employer-employee relations, including terms and conditions of employment.

The Child Care and Development Services Act, administered by the State Department of Education, requires the Superintendent of Public

Instruction to administer child care and development programs that offer a full range of services for eligible children from infancy to 13 years of age.

This bill would authorize family child care providers, as defined, to choose whether to be represented by a single provider organization, as defined, that would be designated pursuant to a specified petition and election process overseen by the Public Employment Relations

Board or a neutral 3rd party designated by the board.

The bill would require the State Department of Social Services and the State Department of Education, with assistance of specified state departments and agencies, and their contractors and subcontractors, to make specified information regarding individual family child care providers available to provider organizations and would require the provider organization requesting the information to bear the costs of collecting the information.

The bill would authorize a certified provider organization to perform various functions, including meeting with state regulatory agencies and engaging in various types of negotiation on matters within a specified scope of representation with the Department of Personnel Administration, in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and other state agencies that administer programs of publicly funded child care. The bill would prohibit provider organizations from calling strikes and from interfering with, intimidating, restraining, coercing, or discriminating against a family child care provider because the family child care provider joins or refuses to join a provider organization. The state, as defined, also would be subject to the latter prohibition.

(2) Existing law, the Budget Act of 2011, identifies AB 101 as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill, to take effect immediately.

This bill would provide that, notwithstanding the Budget Act of 2011, this act is not a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill, thereby declaring that this act not take effect immediately.

(1) Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, authorizes the State Department of Developmental Services to contract with regional centers to provide services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities.

This bill would, if a specified provision of the Budget Act of 2011 is operative, state the intent of the Legislature for the department to identify up to \$100 million in General Fund savings from the developmental services system, as prescribed. This bill would authorize the department to utilize input from prescribed workgroups. This bill would require, as prescribed, the department to report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee within 10 days of the specified reduction as directed within the Budget Act of 2011.

(2) Existing law provides for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, under which, either through employment by the recipient, or by or through contract by the county, qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons receive services enabling them to remain in their own homes. Counties are responsible for the administration of the IHSS program. Under the Medi-Cal program, similar services are provided to eligible individuals, with these services known as personal care option services.

Existing law authorized an individual who was cligible for IHSS services in the 1992–93 fiscal year, and who had his or her services reduced pursuant to specified provisions, but who believed that he or she was at serious risk of out-of-home placement unless all or part of the reduced hours were restored, to apply for an IHSS Care Supplement, as prescribed.

Existing law established a similar reduction in authorized HISS service hours, which becomes operative only if a specified medication machine pilot project does not achieve a designated amount of savings to the General Fund, as determined by the Department of Finance, and also authorizes an individual whose services have been reduced, and who believes that he or she is at serious risk of out-of-home placement, to submit an HISS Care Supplement application, in accordance with specified provisions, in order to have all or part of the service hour reduction restored.

Existing law also requires the department to implement a 3.6% reduction in service hours to each IHSS recipient, until July 1, 2012.

This bill, effective January 1, 2012, would impose an additional 20% service hour reduction on HISS recipients, which would be operative only if a designated provision of the Budget Act of 2011 becomes operative, and would establish an HISS Care Supplement process for any individual who is notified of a reduction in service hours under the bill, but who believes he or she is at serious risk of out-of-home placement unless all or part of the reduction is restored.

(3) Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which health care services are provided to qualified low-income persons. The Medi-Cal

program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions.

This bill would, effective on or after January 1, 2012, if a specified provision of the Budget Act of 2011 is operative, apply specified payment reductions to managed care health plans that contract with the department and to other specified contracts.

(4) This bill would appropriate \$1,000 to the State Department of Health Care Services for administration.

(5) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the 2 following:

3 (a) Quality, affordable child care is essential to prepare 4 California's children to succeed in school and in life and to allow 5 families to work and contribute to the state's economy with the 6 assurance that their children are safe and well cared for.

(b) There is a need to improve the quality of child care and to reduce turnover in the industry that is charged with providing safe and quality care for children in California. Limited or no employment benefits and low wages can drive dedicated child care providers from the profession. The resulting turnover negatively impacts the quality of child care provided and prevents children from receiving the type of care they require in order to be prepared for, and adapt successfully to, school settings.

15 (c) Turnover among family child care providers is estimated at 30 to 40 percent per year, five times higher than among teachers in the public school system. Experienced providers are leaving the profession simply because they cannot afford to provide for their own families. Losing a caregiver means children's cognitive and social development is disrupted and parents are left scrambling to find other arrangements.

(d) The supply of quality child care in the market is inadequate
 to meet the demand in California. In 2010, the state lost nearly
 5,700 licensed providers, representing a 13 percent decline in the
 supply of licensed child care and an elimination of 11 percent or

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44,000 licensed slots in these homes. In 2009, there was only licensed capacity to care for 27 percent of children with working parents.

(e) Family child care is affordable and convenient; it is particularly vital to parents of infants and the one in five California

workers who work nontraditional schedules.

(f) Family child care providers are a vital part of the child care system. Their role gives them unique insight into how quality, access, and stability could be improved for children and families. But family child care providers lack any formal voice in decisionmaking on issues that shape the child care system and the way they carry out their profession.

(g) To promote higher quality and greater access and stability in the child care system, it is necessary to enact legislation to grant family child care providers the right to choose a representative to negotiate collectively with the state over the operation of the child care system. Permitting family child care providers a formal voice will allow the state to get input from providers and to maximize its return on its investment in child care and will allow providers to advocate to improve the quality, access, and stability of care available to California's children and families.

SEC. 2. Article 19.5 (commencing with Section 8430) is added to Chapter 2 of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education

Code, to read:

Article 19.5. Quality Family Child Care

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8430. (a) The purpose of this article is to promote quality, access, and stability in the child care system by authorizing an appropriate unit of family child care providers to choose a provider organization to act as their exclusive representative on all matters specified in this article. It is also the purpose of this article to promote full communication between family child care providers and the state by permitting a provider organization certified as the representative of family child care providers to meet and confer with the state regarding the state's child care system.

(b) This article does not change family child care providers' status as independent business owners or classify family child care

providers as public employees.

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- 8430.5. This article shall be known and may be cited as the 2 Quality Family Child Care Act. 3
 - 8431. As used in this article:
- 4 (a) "Certified provider organization" means a provider 5 organization or provider organizations that jointly are certified by the board as the exclusive representative of family child care providers in an appropriate unit after a proceeding under Section 8 8434.
- `9 (b) "Child care subsidy program" means a program established pursuant to this chapter and administered by the department or 10 11 the State Department of Social Services, or both, to subsidize 12 families in purchasing child care.
 - (c) "Family child care provider" or "provider" means either of the following:
- 15 (1) A family day care home provider, as defined in Section 16 1596.78 of the Health and Safety Code, who is licensed pursuant 17 to the requirement in Section 1596.80 of the Health and Safety 18 Code.
 - (2) An individual who meets all of the following criteria:
 - (A) Provides child care in his or her own home or in the home of the child receiving care.
 - (B) Is exempt from licensing requirements pursuant to Section 1596.792 of the Health and Safety Code.
- 24 (C) Participates in a child care subsidy program.
 - (d) "Provider organization" means an organization that has all of the following characteristics:
 - (1) Includes family child care providers.
 - (2) Has as one of its main purposes the representation of family child care providers in their relations with public and private entities in California.
- (3) Is not an entity that contracts with the state or a county to 32 administer or process payments for a child care subsidy program.
- (e) "Public Employment Relations Board" or "board" means 33 the Public Employment Relations Board established pursuant to Section 3541 of the Government Code. The powers and duties of .35 the board described in Sections 3514.5, 3520.5, and 3541.3 of the
- 37 Government Code, and the respective implementing regulations,
- shall apply, as appropriate, to this article to the extent those
- procedures are not inconsistent with the procedures specified in
- this article. If any provision of this article is the same or

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substantially the same as that contained in Chapter 10 2 (commencing with Section 3500), Chapter 10.3 (commencing with 3 Section 3512), or Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code, it shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with the judicial 6 interpretations of the provision in those statutes.

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8431.5. The state action antitrust exemption to the application of federal and state antitrust laws is applicable to the activities of family child care providers and their representatives authorized under this article.

8432. Family child care providers have the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of provider organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of being represented in all matters specified in this article. Family child care providers have the right to refuse to join or participate in the activities of provider organizations, except that a certified provider organization may charge family child care providers who receive payment from a child care subsidy program a fair share fee pursuant to Section *8436*.

8432.5. Family child care providers are not public employees, and this article does not create an employer-employee relationship 22 between family child care providers and the state or any public or private nonprofit entity for any purpose, including, but not limited to, eligibility for health or retirement benefits or vicarious liability in tort. This article does not alter the status of a family child care provider as a business owner, an employee of a family, or a contractor.

8433. This article does not alter the rights of families to select, direct, and terminate the services of family child care providers.

8433.5. (a) Within 10 days of receipt of a request from a provider organization, the State Department of Social Services shall make available to that provider organization information regarding family child care providers described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 8431, including each provider's name, home address, mailing address, telephone number, electronic mail (e-mail) address, and license number.

(b) Within 30 days of receipt of a request from a provider 37 38 organization, the department, with the assistance of the State Department of Social Services and any state department or agency, or its contractor or subcontractor, in possession of the relevant

information, shall collect information regarding family child care providers, including each provider's name, home address, mailing address, telephone number, electronic mail (e-mail) address, unique provider identification number, including license number, if applicable, and whether or not the provider has participated in a child care subsidy program in the previous six months and shall make that information available to the provider organization. The provider organization shall bear the reasonable costs of collecting the information described in this subdivision if that information has not been previously collected.

(c) A provider organization under this article shall be

(c) A provider organization under this article shall be considered a day care organization for purposes of subdivisions (b) and (c) of Section 1596.86 of the Health and Safety Code. All confidentiality requirements applicable to recipients of information pursuant to Section 1596.86 of the Health and Safety Code apply to provider organizations and shall apply also to protect the personal information of family child care providers as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 8431. Information provided pursuant to this section shall be used only for the purpose of organizing and representing family child care providers.

8434. (a) An appropriate unit of family child care providers, as defined in subdivision (g), may designate, in accordance with the provisions of this article, the provider organization, if any, that shall be its exclusive representative. The board shall certify a provider organization designated by an appropriate unit of family child care providers as the exclusive representative of those providers.

(b) Requests for elections, challenges, competing claims, requests for intervention, petitions for elections for unit modifications, and requests for decertification shall be filed with, received, and acted upon by the board.

(c) At any point after the provider organization is certified as an exclusive representative and without complying with the requirement of a one-year waiting period, a certified provider organization may file with the board a petition to expand an existing unit of providers based on a showing of interest by 30 percent of the providers to be added to the existing unit.

38 (d) The board may designate a neutral third party to act on any of the requests filed with the board under subdivision (b) or (c).

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- (e) The provider organization that presents a petition requesting certification shall pay the reasonable costs of verifying the number of family child care providers that have designated a provider organization to act as their exclusive representative.
- (f) All provider organizations placed on the ballot shall share equally the cost of an election.
 - (g) A unit of providers will be considered an appropriate unit if it is a statewide unit and it includes either of the following:
- 9 (1) All family child care providers who are licensed pursuant to the requirement in Section 1596.80 of the Health and Safety 11 Code.
 - (2) All or a reasonable subset of family child care providers who participate in a child care subsidy program.
- 14 (h) There shall be no more than one bargaining unit at any time. 15 That unit shall be represented by no more than one certified 16 provider organization.
- 17 (i) A certified provider organization shall represent each 18 provider in the represented unit fairly, without discrimination and 19 without regard to whether the provider is a member of the provider 20 organization.
- 21 8434.5. The scope of representation shall include all of the 22 following:
 - (a) The administration of laws and regulations governing licensing for providers.
 - (b) Joint labor-management committees.
 - (c) Contract grievance arbitration.
 - (d) Expanded access to professional development and training opportunities for providers.
- 29 (e) Benefits for providers.

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- (f) Payment procedures for child care subsidy programs.
- 31 (g) Reimbursement rates for providers participating in a child 32 care subsidy program. At the Governor's option, the scope of 33 representation may exclude this issue from the scope of 34 representation until July 1, 2014.
 - (h) Expanded access to food and nutrition programs.
 - (i) The deduction of membership dues and fair share fees.
- 37 *(j)* Any changes to current practice other than those listed in 38 subdivisions (a) to-(h), inclusive, that would do any of the 39 following:
 - (1) Improve recruitment and retention of qualified providers.

- (2) Improve the quality of the programs.
- 2 (3) Encourage qualified providers to seek additional education and training.
- 4 (4) Promote the health and safety of providers and the children in their care.
 - 8435. (a) The Governor, through the Department of Personnel Administration, in consultation with the Superintendent, other state agencies that administer programs of publicly funded child care, and their contractors, as needed, shall meet and confer in good faith regarding all matters within the scope of representation with representatives of a certified provider organization and, before arriving at a determination of policy or course of action, shall consider fully the presentations made by the certified provider organization on behalf of the providers it represents

organization on behalf of the providers it represents.

(b) As used in this section, "meet and confer in

- (b) As used in this section, "meet and confer in good faith" means that the Governor, through the Department of Personnel Administration, and representatives of the certified provider organization shall have the mutual obligation to meet and confer promptly upon request by either party and continue for a reasonable period of time in order to exchange freely information, opinions, and proposals. The duty to meet and confer in good faith also requires the parties to begin negotiations sufficiently in advance of the adoption of the state's final budget for the ensuing fiscal year so that there is adequate time for agreement to be reached before the adoption of the final budget and for the resolution of an impasse.
- 8435.5. (a) If agreement is reached between the Governor, through the Department of Personnel Administration, and the certified provider organization, they jointly shall prepare a written memorandum of understanding. Any portions of the memorandum of understanding requiring appropriation by the Legislature or statutory or regulatory revisions shall be subject to legislative approval of those appropriations or statutory or regulatory revisions.
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 - (b) A memorandum of understanding between the Governor, through the Department of Personnel Administration, and the certified provider organization is binding on all state departments and agencies that are involved in the administration of child care subsidy programs, and the relevant contractors or subcontractors of those departments and agencies.

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(c) An agreement pursuant to this section may provide for binding arbitration of grievances concerning the interpretation, application, or violation of the agreement.

(d) This article does not alter the requirements governing the child care reimbursement system that are set forth in Section 8222.

- 8436. (a) A certified provider organization shall have the same right to enter into an agreement with the state regarding deduction of membership dues and fair share fees from subsidy payments made to providers, including payments made through state agencies, departments, contractors, or subcontractors, as recognized employee organizations have under Sections 3515.7 and 3515.8 of the Government Code. An agreement to deduct membership dues or fair share fees shall apply only to those providers who receive payment from a child care subsidy program.
- 15 (b) The amount of any fair share fee shall not exceed the amount 16 of the dues payable by the members of the certified provider 17 organization. The costs covered by the fair share fee may include 18 all of the following:
 - (1) The certified provider organization's costs for meeting and conferring with the state.
 - (2) Contract administration.

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- (3) Securing for the represented providers improvements in subsidy rates, benefits, payment systems, training opportunities, and other matters related to the family child care system in addition to those secured through meeting and conferring with the state.
- (4) Other activities germane to the certified provider organization's function as the exclusive representative of providers.
- (c) If the deduction of membership dues or fair share fees for a provider requires action by more than one agency, department, contractor, or subcontractor, the certified provider organization shall establish procedures to ensure both of the following:
- (1) The amount of the dues or fees does not exceed the total membership or fair share fee owed by that provider.
- (2) The administrative procedures for deducting dues or fees are reasonable.
- 36 (d) The state, its agencies and departments, and their 37 contractors and subcontractors shall not be liable in any action 38 by a provider seeking recovery of, or damage for, improper 39 calculation or use of fair share fees.

- 8436.5. (a) It is unlawful for the state, including its agencies, boards, commissions, departments, public benefit corporations, political subdivisions, contractors, subcontractors, or employees, to do to providers or provider organizations any of the things made unlawful under Section 3519 of the Government Code.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for a provider organization to do to the state or to providers any of the things made unlawful under Section 3519.5 of the Government Code.
- 9 (c) For purposes of subdivisions (a) and (b), the references in subdivision (e) of Section 3519 of, and subdivision (d) of Section 3519.5 of, the Government Code to "the mediation procedure set forth in Section 3518" shall be deemed to refer to the impasse procedures set forth in Section 8437.5.
- (d) The initial determination as to whether charges of unfair practices are justified and, if so, what remedy is necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article shall be a matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of the board.
- 8437. A provider organization may not direct or call a strike. 18 19 8437.5. If after a reasonable period of time the parties fail to 20 reach agreement, the parties may agree to submit unresolved issues 21 to the California State Mediation and Conciliation Service established by the Department of Industrial Relations for 23 mediation, or either party may declare that an impasse has been 24 reached and request the board to appoint a mediator from the 25 California State Mediation and Conciliation Service. A 26 memorandum of understanding reached by means of mediation is 27. subject to appropriation by the Legislature and necessary statutory 28 and regulatory revisions.
- SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 39.00 of the Budget Act of 2011, this act is not a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall not take effect immediately.
- 34 SECTION 1. Section 4792 is added to the Welfare and 35 Institutions Code, to read:
- 4792. (a) This section of law shall only be operative if subdivision (b) of Section 3.94 of the Budget Act of 2011 is operative. It is the intent of the Legislature for the department to identify up to one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) in General Fund savings from within the overall developmental

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services system, including any savings or reductions within state administrative support, operation of the developmental centers, and operation of the regional centers, including administration and the purchase of services where applicable if subdivision (b) of Section 3.94 of the Budget Act of 2011 is operative. A variety of strategies, including, but not limited to, savings attributable to easeload adjustments, changes in expenditure trends, unexpended contract funds, or other administrative savings or restructuring can be applied to this reduction with the intent of keeping reductions as far away as feasible from consumer's direct needs, services, and supports, including health, safety, and quality of life.

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(b) The department may utilize input from workgroups comprised of consumers and family members, consumer-focused advocacy groups, service provider representatives, regional center representatives, developmental center representatives, other stakeholders, and staff of the Legislature, to develop General Fund savings proposals as necessary.

(c) If subdivision (b) of Section 3.94 of the Budget Act of 2011 is operative, and the department is directed to identify up to one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) in General Fund savings from within the developmental services system, any savings or reductions identified shall be reported to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee within 10 days of the reduction as directed within Section 3.94 of the Budget Act of 2011.

SEC. 2. Section 12301.07 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

12301.07. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if Section 3.94 of the Budget Act of 2011 becomes operative, the department shall implement a 20 percent reduction in authorized hours of service to each in-home supportive services recipient as specified in this section, effective January 1, 2012, which shall be applied to the recipient's hours as authorized pursuant to his or her most recent assessment.

(2) The reduction required by this section shall not preclude any reassessment to which a recipient would otherwise be entitled. However, hours authorized pursuant to a reassessment shall be subject to the reduction required by this section.

(3) For those recipients who have a documented unmet need, excluding protective supervision, because of the limitations contained in Section 12303.4, this reduction shall be applied first

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to the unmet need before being applied to the authorized hours. If the recipient believes he or she will be at serious risk of out-of-home placement as a consequence of the reduction, the recipient may apply for a restoration of the reduction of authorized service hours, pursuant to subdivision (f).

(4) A recipient of services under this article may direct the manner in which the reduction of hours is applied to the recipient's previously authorized services.

- (5) The reduction in service hours made pursuant to paragraph (2) shall not apply to in-home supportive services recipients who also receive services under Section 9560, subdivision (t) of Section 14132, and Section 14132.99.
- (b) The department shall work with the counties to develop a process to allow for counties to preapprove HISS Care Supplements described in subdivision (f), to the extent that the process is permissible under federal law. The preapproval process shall be subject to the following conditions:
- (1) The preapproval process shall rely on the criteria for assessing IHSS Supplemental Care applications, developed pursuant to subdivision (f).
- (2) Preapproval shall be granted only to individuals who would otherwise be granted a full restoration of their hours pursuant to subdivision (f).
- (3) With respect to existing recipients as of the effective date of this section, all efforts shall be made to ensure that counties complete the process on or before a specific date, as determined by the department, in consultation with counties in order to allow for the production, printing, and mailing of notices to be issued to remaining recipients who are not granted preapproval and who thereby are subject to the reduction pursuant to this section.
- (4) The department shall work with counties to determine how to apply a preapproval process with respect to new applicants to the IHSS program who apply after the effective date of this section.
- (c) The notice of action informing each recipient who is not preapproved for an HISS Care Supplement pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be mailed at least 15 days prior to the reduction going into effect. The notice of action shall be understandable to the recipient and translated into all languages spoken by a substantial number of the public served by the In-Home Supportive Services program, in accordance with Section 7295.2 of the Government

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Code. The notice shall not contain any recipient financial or confidential identifying information other than the recipient's name, address, and Case Management Information and Payroll System (CMIPS) client identification number, and shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following information:

- (1) The aggregate number of authorized hours before the reduction pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) and the aggregate number of authorized hours after the reduction.
- 9 (2) That the recipient may direct the manner in which the 10 reduction of authorized hours is applied to the recipient's previously authorized services.
 - (3) How all or part of the reduction may be restored, as set forth in subdivision (f), if the recipient believes he or she will be at serious risk of out-of-home placement as a consequence of the reduction.
 - (d) The department shall inform providers of any reduction to recipient hours through a statement on provider timesheets, after consultation with counties.
 - (e) The IHSS Care Supplement application process described in subdivision (f) shall be completed before a request for a state hearing is submitted. If the IHSS Care Supplement application is filed within 15 days of the notice of action required by subdivision (e), or before the effective date of the reduction, the recipient shall be eligible for aid paid pending. A revised notice of action shall be issued by the county following evaluation of the IHSS Care Supplement application.
 - (f) Any aged, blind, or disabled individual who is cligible for services under this chapter who receives a notice of action indicating that his or her services will be reduced under subdivision (a) but who believes he or she is at serious risk of out-of-home placement unless all or part of the reduction is restored may submit an IHSS Care Supplement application. When a recipient submits an IHSS Care Supplement application within 15 days of receiving the reduction notice or prior to the implementation of the reduction, the recipient's in-home supportive services shall continue at the level authorized by the most recent assessment, prior to any reduction, until the county finds that the recipient does or does not require restoration of any hours through the IHSS Care Supplement. If the recipient disagrees with the county's determination

concerning the need for the HISS Care Supplement, the recipient may request a hearing on that determination.

- (1) The department shall develop an assessment tool, in consultation with stakeholders, to be used by the counties to determine if a recipient is at serious risk of out-of-home placement as a consequence of the reduction of services pursuant to this section. The assessment tool shall be developed utilizing standard of care criteria for relevant out-of-home placements that serve individuals who are aged, blind, or who have disabilities and who would qualify for IHSS if living at home, including, but not limited to, criteria set forth in Chapter 7.0 of the Manual of Criteria for Medi-Cal Authorization published by the State Department of Health Care Services, as amended April 15, 2004, and the IHSS uniform assessment guidelines.
- (2) Counties shall give a high priority to prompt screening of persons specified in this section to determine their need for an HISS Care Supplement.
- (g) (1) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the department may implement and administer this section through all-county letters or similar instruction from the department until regulations are adopted. The department shall adopt emergency regulations implementing this section no later than March 1, 2013. The department may readopt any emergency regulation authorized by this section that is the same as or substantially equivalent to an emergency regulation previously adopted under this section.
- (2) The initial adoption of emergency regulations implementing this section and the one readoption of emergency regulations authorized by this subdivision shall be deemed an emergency and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. Initial emergency regulations and the one readoption of emergency regulations authorized by this section shall be exempt from review by the Office of Administrative Law. The initial emergency regulations and the one readoption of emergency regulations authorized by this section shall be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for filing with the Secretary of State and each shall remain in effect for no

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more than 180 days, by which time final regulations may be adopted.

(h) If the Director of Health Care Services determines that federal approval is necessary to implement this section, this section shall be implemented only after any state plan amendments required pursuant to Section 14132.95 are approved.

SEC. 3. Section 14105.09 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

14105.09. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if subdivision (b) of Section 3.94 of the Budget Act of 2011 is operative, effective on or after January 1, 2012, the payment reductions in Sections 14105.07, 14105.192, 14126.033, 14131.05, and 14131.07 shall apply to managed care health plans that contract with the department pursuant to Chapter 8.75 (commencing with Section 14590) and to contracts with the Senior Care Action Network and AIDS Healthcare Foundation, to the extent that the services are provided through any of these contracts, payments shall be reduced by the actuarial equivalent amount of the payment reductions pursuant to contract amendments or change orders effective on July 1, 2011, or thereafter.

SEC. 4. The sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Department of Health Care Services for administration.

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SEC. 5. This act is a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (c) of Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, has been identified as related to the budget in the Budget Bill, and shall take effect immediately.