

Senate Bill 811

Presentation to the Senate Committee on Human Services

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Why Senate Bill 811?

After a facility or adult foster home is licensed, it may not be inspected for **12 to 24 months**, unless a complaint is filed.

- Problems may go undetected
- Regulators are unable to provide early technical assistance to providers
- Residents may be at greater risk with an inexperienced provider
- Reactive responses are made to issues that arise, rather than proactive assistance and support.

SB 811 addresses these issues for the Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) and the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS).

SB 811: the context

- Increasing number of new providers for facilities and homes, but many who lack experience as a provider.
- Residents have more complex health and behavioral supports needs – much more complex than residents in prior decades.
- Rising complaints and regulatory actions: an increase in licensing and abuse complaints, indicate a need for earlier intervention.
- New federal regulations require states ensure homes and facilities are qualified to provide Medicaid-funded services, particularly Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).



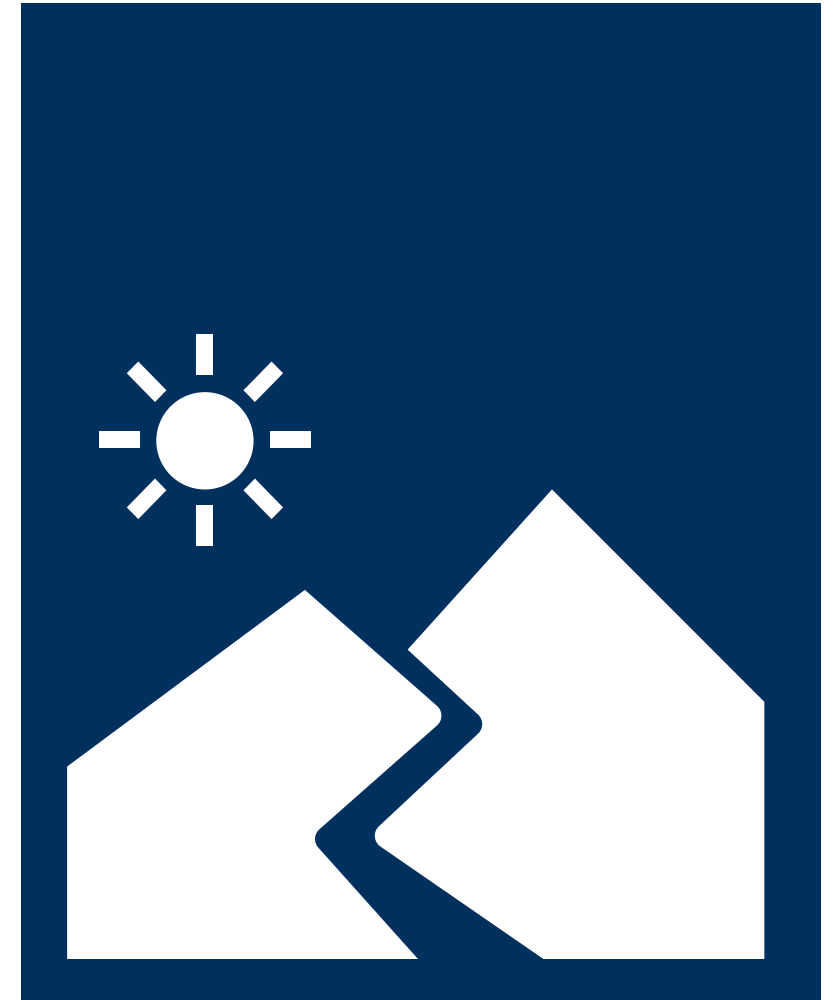
SB 811 – addressing these issues

- First inspection 120 days after licensing, to ensure compliance, address any compliance issues
- A thorough review of provider policies and procedures before licensing
- 24-month license renewal for high-performing adult foster homes.



SB 811: proposed amendments

- Maintain inspections for adult foster homes every 12 months, including high-performing providers who are licensed every 24 months.
- Establish new requirements for memory care-endorsed facilities, including:
 - Minimum qualifications for administrators
 - Stronger protocols for handling elopements (occurs when a resident with dementia wanders away)
 - Stronger emergency evacuation plans and resident transfer procedures.



SB 811: fiscal impact

Staffing – **19 additional staff for APD** and **make permanent 15 positions for ODDS** that are currently limited-duration to:

- Conduct 120-day inspections
- Review licensing policies and procedures
- Provide training and technical assistance.

This is an investment in the Governor's Recommended Budget. Total estimated budget:

- **\$3.73 million** for APD
- **\$3.95 million** for ODDS

These funds are split evenly between General Funds and Federal Funds at a 50% Medicaid federal match rate.



SB 811: residents, providers, and the agency

Benefits for the **residents**:

- Better safety and oversight
- Better quality of care
- More accountability for homes and facilities

Benefits for the **providers**:

- Early, proactive technical assistance
- Reduced compliance burden for high-performance

Benefits to the **agency**:

- Faster intervention for struggling providers
- Better alignment with federal regulations
- More efficient allocation of resources for compliance





Questions?

Thank you.

