



**151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE**

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| BILL: | SENATE BILL NO. 118 |
| SPONSOR: | Senator Gay |
| DESCRIPTION: | AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND THE DELAWARE HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK. |

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.
2. This Act requires long-term care facilities using an electronic health record or electronic medical record to enroll in and provide summaries of care to the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) in accordance with prescribed timeframes to improve quality and coordination of care across the State of Delaware. The facilities must enter into an agreement with DHIN to provide a summary of each episode of care in an electronic format.
3. According to the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and the Department of State (DOS), there are three, state-run, long-term care facilities in Delaware that would be impacted by this legislation. DHSS reported the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS) and the Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD) contract for an electronic medical record through American Data. DOS contracts with Point, Click, Care (PCC) to provide an electronic medical record to the Delaware Veterans Home.
4. DHSS reported a one-time setup fee of \$6,762 per facility and a one-time testing environment fee of \$3,276 per facility to move toward full implementation. Additional recurring and maintenance fees vary by facility but are estimated at \$5,979 for DDDS and \$20,428 for DSAAPD. Total cost estimates do not include the fees to support the development of the Care Summaries and Continuity of Care Documents necessary for the data exchange between the systems. These functions are not currently available through American Data and the cost is unknown until further requirements can be considered.
5. DOS reported by using PCC there would not be setup or maintenance costs. PCC uses a secured email process to provide data to DHIN and the Delaware Veterans Home will have a direct secure trust email address for the transmission.
6. DHIN assesses a one-time setup fee of \$2,775 per facility as a setup cost and anticipates reoccurring and/or maintenance fees of \$1,450 per facility for an annual total of \$4,225 per facility.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2023: Minimum of \$59,158
Fiscal Year 2024: Minimum of \$30,756
Fiscal Year 2025: Minimum of \$30,756

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