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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Regulation (Gaetz) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 997 - 1042
and insert:

(a) During the transition, the agency shall determine an individual's initial iBudget by comparing the individual's algorithm allocation to the individual's current annual cost plan and the individual's extraordinary needs. The individual's algorithm allocation shall be the amount determined by the algorithm, adjusted to the agency's appropriation and any set-asides determined necessary by the agency, including, but not limited to, funding for individuals who have extraordinary needs



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13 as delineated in paragraph (2) (b). The amount of funding needed
14 to address the individual's extraordinary needs shall be
15 reviewed for each individual by the area office in order to
16 determine medical necessity for each service in the amount,
17 duration, frequency, intensity, and scope that meets the
18 individual's needs. The agency shall consider the individual's
19 characteristics based on a needs assessment as well as the
20 individual's living setting, availability of natural supports,
21 family circumstances, and other factors that may affect the
22 level of service needed.

23 (b) The individual's medical-necessity review must include
24 a comparison of the following:

25 1. If the individual's algorithm allocation is greater than
26 the individual cost plan, the individual's initial iBudget shall
27 be equal to the total cost plan amount.

28 2. If the individual's algorithm allocation is less than
29 the individual's cost plan but is greater than the amount for
30 the individual's extraordinary needs, the individual's initial
31 iBudget shall be equal to the algorithm allocation.

32 3. If the individual's algorithm allocation is less than
33 the amount for the individual's extraordinary needs, the
34 individual's initial iBudget shall be equal to the amount for
35 the individual's extraordinary needs.

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37 The individual's initial annualized iBudget amount may not be
38 less than 50 percent of that individual's existing annualized
39 cost plan. If the individual's initial iBudget is less than the
40 individual's current cost plan, and is within \$1,000 of the
41 current cost plan, the agency may adjust the iBudget to equal



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42 the cost plan amount.

43 (c) During the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years,
44 increases to an individual's initial iBudget amount may be
45 granted only if a significant change in circumstances has
46 occurred and if the criteria for extraordinary needs as
47 described above are met.