

FISCAL NOTE

April 30, 2021

Bill No:	SB 108	Printer's No:	73	Sponsor:	Bartolotta (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2020-21	2021-22
General Fund	\$5.973 million	\$5.973 million

SUMMARY: This bill adds an additional annual payment of \$130 per eligible Medicaid ventilator or tracheostomy day for qualifying nursing facilities on a quarterly basis.

ANALYSIS: SB 108 establishes an additional annual payment of \$130 per eligible Medicaid ventilator or tracheostomy day shall be paid to qualified MA nonpublic and county nursing facilities on a quarterly basis on behalf of eligible persons whose institutional care is prescribed by physicians under both the Fee-for-Service Program (FFS) and the Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Program.

For qualifying facilities, the quarterly payment shall equal the additional supplemental ventilator care and tracheostomy care per diem multiplied by the number of eligible days.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) shall publish information on the payments on its website.

FISCAL IMPACT: This bill carries an annual fiscal impact of \$12.623 million (\$5.973 million in state funds) for an additional payment per eligible Medicaid ventilator or tracheostomy day for nursing facilities.

The supplemental ventilator and tracheostomy payments that existed under FFS were included in the rates during development for Community Health Choices implementation. Under FFS, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services does not allow payment processing based on Managed Care days; the payment would either be significantly reduced and based solely on FFS days or it would be a state only payment based on all days.