



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 3469	Introduced on January 8, 2019
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<b>Subject:</b>	Family Support Services Program	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will have an undetermined expenditure impact to the General Fund and Federal Funds of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs for administrative costs associated with modifying the department's service provider process.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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##### **State Expenditure**

This bill allows the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) Family Support Services Program users to select a specific service agency or person to provide services necessary to the disabled or special needs individual in the home. The bill defines service provider to mean a private or public agency or person, to include a relative of the individual or family qualifying to receive services under the Family Support Program, who provides services to the individual or family for compensation.

Further, the bill requires the written service plan to be signed by the person or an adult family member and the contracted agency. The plan must include the services to be provided, and the provider's compensation, work schedule, and other benefits. An individual or family may direct the contracted agency to select a specific agency or person to be the service provider, which the contracted agency must approve. The individual or family has the authority to terminate the requested service provider at any time.

Currently, DDSN gives qualified service provider information to eligible Family Support Services Program users, and users choose a service provider that meets their needs. DDSN indicates that the bill will affect qualified and listed case management providers by involving them in establishing and negotiating direct provider compensation, hourly rates, work schedules, and benefits, which would increase the number of service providers. These additional responsibilities will increase travel expenses for case managers to obtain signatures and negotiate between qualifying consumers and potential service providers. DDSN indicates that clients may experience delays in receipt of services due to the additional time required for the new case management responsibilities outlined in the bill, but does not anticipate that client enrollment will change dramatically. Further, the provisions of this bill would increase liability for both case management and direct service provider entities, which may increase expenditures as they relate to the IRS' service level designations. As such, the bill will have an undetermined expenditure impact to the General Fund and Federal Funds.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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