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House Bill 161

**Purchase of Used Durable Medical Equipment
Version W**

House Bill 161 is a cost saving bill for the state's medical assistance programs. Currently the Department of Health and Social Services only purchases new Durable Medical Equipment, even though used Durable Medical Equipment is available and is able to withstand repeated use.

House Bill 161 would require that, "When the department authorizes the purchase of durable medical equipment, the department shall require a recipient of medical assistance services to purchase used or refurbished durable medical equipment if used or refurbished durable medical equipment is available, is less expensive than new durable medical equipment of the same type, is able to withstand at least three years of use and meets the needs of the recipient."



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