



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DHFS 3/6/2006

LRB Number	05-4522/1	Introduction Number	SB-653	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Contracts with entities to operate resource centers and care management organizations under the Family Care Program					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department may contract with counties, tribes, or bands to operate Family Care care management organizations (CMOs) in geographic areas in which resides no more than 29% of the population eligible for the Family Care benefit. The statute also provides that the Department may contract with other entities and/or serve more than 29% of the population only if specifically authorized by the Legislature and if the Legislature appropriates necessary funding.

This bill authorizes DHFS to contract with a county, a family care district, a tribe or band, the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. or with 2 or more of these entities to operate CMOs to serve more than 29% of the eligible population. However, before doing so, DHFS must request authorization from the Joint Finance Committee under 14 day passive review.

This bill will not increase costs to the Department or county human services or social services departments. It permits, but does not require, the Department to expand the number of Family Care CMOs above the current law 29% population limit, with approval from the Joint Finance Committee. DHFS would undertake such an expansion only to the extent possible within the limits of funding appropriated to the Department. In addition, the bill does not require county participation in Family Care and therefore does not impose mandatory costs on counties.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications