

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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### Pediatric Palliative Care Centers

- The bill licenses pediatric palliative care centers in Iowa to provide respite and hospice care to individuals under 21 years of age with life-threatening illness and likely will not survive past 21 years of age.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 – “Mason’s Law”

#### Section 2 (Iowa Code 10A.713)

Pediatric palliative care centers are not required to receive CON approval.

#### Section 3 (Iowa Code 135J.1)

Defines “DMEPOS”, “DMEPOS supplier”, “pediatric palliative care center”, and “pediatric palliative care patient”. A pediatric palliative care patient is an individual under 21 years old, diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, and not expected to survive past 21.

#### Section 4 (Iowa Code 135J.1)

Revises the definition of “hospice program”.

#### Section 5 (Iowa Code 135J.7)

Requires rulemaking by DIAL on pediatric palliative care centers to:

- Limit pediatric palliative care centers to not more than 12 patients at one time
- Allows for volunteers to provide their personal presence
- Be for end-of-life care and respite services
- Have a RN or LPN onsite at all times
- Hire a medical director
- Contract with a hospice program
- Have adequate space
- Not required to provide DME and medications to the patient
- Medication brought by the patient will be stored and returned to the patient
- Allows them to be eligible for state and federal funding

### Amendment Analysis

**H-1282 by the Senate** – Strikes section 2-5. Rather, requires DIAL to establish a special classification within the residential care facility category that have the primary purpose of serving pediatric palliative care patients with respite and hospice services. DIAL will establish emergency rules. Revises the title.