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## **SB 1466: family caregiver grant program**

**Sponsor: Senator Gray, LD 21**  
**Committee on Health & Human Services**

### **Overview**

Modifies qualifying expenses, family member eligibility and reapplication requirements related to the Family Caregiver Grant Program (Grant Program).

### **History**

[Laws 2019, Chapter 270](#) established the Grant Program for individuals who have qualifying expenses due to caring for and supporting a qualifying family member in the individual's home. To apply for a grant under this program, an individual must: 1) apply to the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES); 2) be an Arizona resident; 3) not have a gross family income that exceeds \$75,000 if single or \$150,000 if married; 4) incur qualifying expenses; and 5) submit with the claim for the grant the qualifying family member's name and relationship to the individual.

Individuals who are eligible for benefits receive a grant that is equal to 50% of the qualifying expenses incurred with a maximum grant of \$1,000 for each qualifying family member. Currently, an individual is not eligible to apply for another grant again for three consecutive calendar years, after receiving grant monies ([A.R.S. § 46-342](#)).

A *qualifying family member* is defined as an individual who: 1) is at least 18 years of age; 2) requires assistance with one or more activities of daily living as certified by a licensed physician, registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant; and 3) is an eligible member of the grant applicant's family. Grant monies can be used for qualifying expenses directly related to caring for a qualifying family member, including improvements or alterations made to the individual's primary residence ([A.R.S. § 46-341](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Defines *care coordinator* or *case manager* as a person who provides medical or nonmedical case management service including:
  - a) Services provided by managed care organizations, insurance companies or hospitals; and
  - b) Home and community-based services provided through area agencies on aging, the Arizona Long-Term Care System (ALTCS), home health agencies, hospice or senior centers. (Sec. 1)
2. Modifies the definition of *qualifying expense* by:
  - a) Including improving or altering a qualifying family member's primary residence; and
  - b) Excluding improvements or alterations to long-term care facilities or assisted living facilities. (Sec. 1)
3. Modifies the definition of *qualifying family member* to include an individual who requires assistance with one or more activities of daily living as certified by a licensed social worker, case manager or care coordinator who is capable of assessing the activities of daily living. (Sec. 1)

4. Expands the Grant Program to include individuals who have qualifying expenses due to caring for and supporting a qualifying family member in the qualifying family member's primary residence. (Sec. 2)
5. Prohibits an individual from reapplying for a grant again after the individual has received \$1,000 for each qualifying family member, rather than for three consecutive years. (Sec. 2)
6. Allows an individual who received a grant before the effective date of this act to apply for additional grant monies if they have not received grant monies totaling \$1,000 for each qualifying family member. (Sec. 4)
7. Extends the delayed repeal date from July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024. (Sec. 3)
8. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1-3)

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