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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 855 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Kevin Daley  
Committee: Health Policy and Human Services

**CONTENT**

The bill would enact the "Complex Needs Patient Act" to require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish focused policies and promulgate focused rules that met certain requirements for complex rehabilitation technology products and services.

Legislative Analyst: Stephen Jackson

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact. The bill would create recognition of what is commonly referred to as complex rehabilitation technology as a separate category in the State's Medicaid program. This new category would include specialized, often individualized (to meet individual needs) equipment for a subset of disabled Medicaid clients whose equipment needs are presently provided through the durable medical equipment benefit in Medicaid. There could be potential greater specific equipment costs for this relatively small segment, but these costs could be more than offset by reduced costs due to improved health outcomes for individuals whose needs were served better by more appropriate equipment. Because of the relatively narrow coverage group, any costs or savings would be minor relative to overall Medicaid costs.

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