

## **Economic Impact Statement**

### **10-144 CMR Ch. 113, Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs: Infection Prevention and Control**

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 8052(5-A), because this provisionally adopted rule may have an adverse impact on small businesses, the Department states the following:

There are approximately 100-150 licensed providers of Assisted Housing services that are small businesses. These small businesses will incur additional one-time and ongoing operating costs in order to comply with these rule provisions.

These providers will be required to develop and update a plan for Infection Prevention and Control specific to their setting and develop policies and procedures necessary to implement that plan. There will be additional training costs associated with Infection Prevention and Control and consultant or employee costs for an individual to draft and oversee the plan development and implementation.

The Department, through OADS, has requested federal Covid Relief Funding (CRF) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act to hire an infection control consultant, who will work with facilities to help them develop an Infection control consultant, who will work with facilities to help them develop an Infection Control and Prevention plan, which will be required by this rule. The Department received approval for the CRF at the end of September 2020. The Department anticipates that the facilities' plan development/infection control consultation costs will be defrayed through the CRF.

The rule provides a requirement for Personal Protective Equipment and supplies, but these measures should have been in place in the facilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department has not been able to identify any less intrusive or less costly, reasonable alternative methods of achieving the purposes of the proposed rule.

The Department expects no financial impact on municipalities or counties.

#### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

22 MRS §§ 7853, 42, and 3173

#### **PROVISIONALLY ADOPTED:**

December 31, 2020

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

To Be Determined