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FISCAL NOTE

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H. 20 – An act relating to licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors as participating providers in Medicaid

The Bill proposes to allow licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors (LADCs) who are in private practice to participate in Medicaid. According to officials from the Agency of Human Services (AHS) the costs are unknown and could range between minimal to \$159,000 (of which \$71,500 are state dollars). According to AHS these cost can be absorbed within their current budget for SFY '16, but will need an appropriation for SFY '17.

Fiscal impact:

- SFY'16 = No additional appropriation required.
- SFY'17 = Appropriation required. Amount to be determined.