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House Bill No. 6936

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The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. GILCHREST of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR INPATIENT ADDICTION TREATMENT PROVIDERS THAT COVERS ROOM AND BOARD COSTS FOR MEDICAID ENROLLEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Social Services, within available appropriations, shall provide state-
3 funded medical assistance coverage for room and board costs for
4 persons enrolled in Medicaid who are receiving residential substance
5 use disorder treatment.

6 (b) To the extent such coverage is consistent with federal law
7 governing the Medicaid program, the commissioner may (1) amend a
8 Medicaid waiver approved under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act
9 for substance use disorder treatment, or (2) amend the Medicaid state
10 plan to provide Medicaid coverage for such room and board costs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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HS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost/Savings	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill could result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) by requiring state-funded coverage for room and board costs for individuals enrolled in Medicaid who are receiving residential substance use disorder treatment. DSS currently supports such services for these individuals with state funds under the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Waiver line item. To the extent service capacity is expanded, DSS will incur additional state costs.

The bill also allows DSS to amend the SUD waiver or state plan to cover room and board costs under Medicaid. To the extent these become eligible for reimbursement, the state could experience decreased costs to reflect the offsetting federal Medicaid share.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to service capacity and federal Medicaid reimbursement.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6936*****AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR INPATIENT ADDICTION TREATMENT PROVIDERS THAT COVERS ROOM AND BOARD COSTS FOR MEDICAID ENROLLEES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services commissioner, within available appropriations, to provide state-funded medical assistance coverage for room and board costs for Medicaid enrollees receiving residential substance use disorder treatment.

Under the bill, the commissioner may amend, in a way consistent with federal law, the (1) state's substance use disorder (SUD) Medicaid demonstration waiver or (2) Medicaid state plan to extend Medicaid coverage for these room and board costs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***SUD Medicaid Demonstration Waiver***

In 2022, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved Connecticut's Section 1115 Medicaid SUD demonstration waiver. Among other things, the five-year demonstration expands SUD services for all HUSKY Health members, including coverage for inpatient and residential SUD treatment as well as inpatient withdrawal management.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/04/2025)