



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6984

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The Committee on Aging reported through REP. GARIBAY of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT DAY CENTER TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-343 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish annually the
4 maximum allowable rate to be paid by agencies for homemaker
5 services, chore person services, companion services, respite care, meals
6 on wheels, adult day care services, case management and assessment
7 services, transportation, mental health counseling and elderly foster
8 care. The Commissioner of Social Services shall prescribe uniform forms
9 on which agencies providing such services shall report their costs for
10 such services. Such rates shall be determined on the basis of a reasonable
11 payment for necessary services rendered. The maximum allowable rates
12 established by the Commissioner of Social Services for the Connecticut
13 home-care program for the elderly established under section 17b-342
14 shall constitute the rates required under this section until revised in
15 accordance with this section. The Commissioner of Social Services shall

16 establish a fee schedule, to be effective on and after July 1, 1994, for
 17 homemaker services, chore person services, companion services, respite
 18 care, meals on wheels, adult day care services, case management and
 19 assessment services, transportation, mental health counseling and
 20 elderly foster care. The commissioner may annually increase the fee
 21 schedule based on an increase in the cost of services. The commissioner
 22 shall increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2000, by not less than five
 23 per cent, for adult day care services. The commissioner shall increase the
 24 fee schedule effective July 1, 2011, by four dollars per person, per day
 25 for adult day care services. The commissioner shall increase the fee
 26 schedule effective July 1, 2025, for adult day care services by ten per cent
 27 over the fee schedule for adult day care services for the previous fiscal
 28 year for the purpose of providing increased funding for adult day care
 29 transportation. The commissioner shall increase the fee schedule
 30 effective July 1, 2019, for meals on wheels by ten per cent over the fee
 31 schedule for meals on wheels for the previous fiscal year. Effective July
 32 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the commissioner may increase the fee
 33 schedule for meals on wheels providers serving participants in the
 34 Connecticut home-care program for the elderly by, at a minimum, the
 35 cost-of-living adjustment as measured by the consumer price index. The
 36 commissioner may increase any fee payable to a meals on wheels
 37 provider upon the application of such provider evidencing
 38 extraordinary costs related to delivery of meals on wheels in sparsely
 39 populated rural regions of the state. Nothing contained in this section
 40 shall authorize a payment by the state to any agency for such services in
 41 excess of the amount charged by such agency for such services to the
 42 general public.

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

Section 1	July 1, 2025	17b-343
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AGE *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	700,000	825,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost of approximately \$700,000 in FY 26 and \$825,000 in FY 27 to the Department of Social Services (DSS) to reflect increasing the fee schedule for adult day services by ten percent. Based on historical utilization levels, this reflects both the state share of Medicaid costs (\$630,000 in FY 26 and \$750,000 in FY 27) and costs under the state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program (\$70,000 in FY 26 and \$75,000 in FY 27). The purpose of the funding is to provide increased support for adult day care transportation.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to service utilization.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6984*****AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT DAY CENTER TRANSPORTATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services commissioner to increase the fee schedule for adult day care services by 10% over the previous fiscal year to cover providers' transportation costs. Existing law allows, but does not require, the commissioner to annually increase the fee schedule based on increases in the cost of services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/06/2025)