



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5580**

LCO No. 5738



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DIABETES PREVENTION, EDUCATION, SELF-MANAGEMENT AND MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY PROGRAMS AND ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL.***

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

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2       Social Services shall provide Medicaid coverage, to the extent  
3       permissible under federal law, for diabetes prevention, education, self-  
4       management and medical nutrition therapy.

5       (b) The commissioner may seek federal approval for a Medicaid  
6       waiver or a Medicaid state plan amendment if necessary to implement  
7       the provisions of this section. Not later than January 1, 2026, the  
8       commissioner shall file a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
9       section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the enrollment of Medicaid  
10      recipients in diabetes prevention, education, self-management or  
11      nutrition therapy programs and any data available on program impact  
12      on such recipient's health.

13      Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a

14 Diabetes Advisory Council to study and make recommendations  
15 concerning diabetes education, prevention and treatment.

16 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

17 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
18 one of whom has medical expertise in the treatment of diabetes and one  
19 of whom has expertise in educational and nutritional programs to help  
20 prevent type 2 diabetes;

21 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

22 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
23 Representatives;

24 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
26 Representatives;

27 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

28 (7) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
29 designee;

30 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
31 designee; and

32 (9) A person diagnosed with prediabetes or diabetes, appointed by  
33 the Senate chairperson and the House chairperson of the joint standing  
34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
35 relating to human services.

36 (c) Any member of the council appointed under subdivision (1), (2),  
37 (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
38 General Assembly.

39 (d) All initial appointments to the council shall be made not later than  
40 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be

41 filled by the appointing authority.

42 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
43 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the council from  
44 among the members of the council. Such chairpersons shall schedule the  
45 first meeting of the council, which shall be held not later than sixty days  
46 after the effective date of this section.

47 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
48 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
49 services shall serve as administrative staff of the council.

50 (g) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the council  
51 shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint  
52 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
53 matters relating to human services and public health, in accordance with  
54 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**HS**      *Joint Favorable*