

General Assembly

January Session, 2025

## Substitute Bill No. 6091

## AN ACT CONCERNING AN EQUITABLE MEDICAID AUDIT, BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR PHARMACIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2025) (a) As used in this section, (1) 2 "extrapolation" has the same meaning as provided in subsection (d) of 3 section 17b-99 of the general statutes, and (2) "pharmacy" means a pharmacy participating in the state Medicaid program. The 4 5 Commissioner of Social Services shall not, as a basis for denying 6 Medicaid reimbursements to a pharmacy, use extrapolation of data 7 stemming from clerical errors or minor technical errors in any audit of 8 such pharmacy conducted by the Department of Social Services 9 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 17b-99 of the general statutes.

10 (b) The commissioner shall (1) provide a receipt confirmation process 11 to confirm receipt by a pharmacy concerning any notices from the 12 department, including notices to a pharmacy regarding pharmacy 13 billing, and (2) maintain a reliable database accessible to a pharmacy of 14 the preferred drug list approved pursuant to section 17b-274d of the 15 general statutes. The commissioner shall update such database with 16 real-time information regarding denials and approvals of drugs for 17 inclusion on such preferred drug list.

(c) Not later than October 1, 2025, the commissioner shall implement
a grievance process in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes

- 20 by which a pharmacy may challenge the Medicaid reimbursement for
- 21 dispensing a prescribed drug that does not cover a pharmacy's cost in
- 22 dispensing such drug to a Medicaid recipient. Such process shall allow
- 23 a pharmacy to present evidence of the pharmacy's cost in dispensing
- such drug in comparison to the disputed Medicaid reimbursement.

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

Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section

## Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Subsec. (b)(1) was redrafted for clarity.

HS Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO