



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6600

LCO No. 1560



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

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AN ACT ELIMINATING CERTAIN CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS.

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

1 That section 19a-638 of the general statutes be amended to eliminate
2 all certificate of need requirements, except for: (1) A transfer of
3 ownership of a health care facility or ownership of a large group practice
4 to any entity other than a physician or group of two or more physicians,
5 legally organized in a partnership, professional corporation or limited
6 liability company formed to render professional services and not
7 employed by or an affiliate of any hospital, medical foundation,
8 insurance company or similar entity; (2) the termination of inpatient or
9 outpatient services offered by a hospital, including, but not limited to,
10 the termination by a short-term acute care general hospital or children's
11 hospital of inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance abuse
12 services; (3) the termination of surgical services by an outpatient
13 surgical facility, as defined in section 19a-493b of the general statutes, or
14 a facility that provides outpatient surgical services as part of the
15 outpatient surgery department of a short-term acute care general

16 hospital, provided termination of outpatient surgical services due to (A)
17 insufficient patient volume, or (B) the termination of any subspecialty
18 surgical service; (4) the termination of an emergency department by a
19 short-term acute care general hospital or the termination of inpatient or
20 outpatient services offered by a hospital or other facility or institution
21 operated by the state that provides services that are eligible for
22 reimbursement under Title XVIII or XIX of the federal Social Security
23 Act, 42 USC 301; (5) the relocation of outpatient, behavioral health care,
24 substance use disorder, women's health care or emergency medical
25 services outside of the municipality in which such services are currently
26 provided; (6) any investment in a health care facility by a private equity
27 company in which the private equity company acquires a controlling
28 interest, either directly or indirectly, in a health care facility, or
29 otherwise obtains the ability to exercise operational control, managerial
30 control or decision-making authority over such facility; and (7) any
31 transaction in which a private equity company acquires a controlling
32 interest, either directly or indirectly, in a large group practice of ten or
33 more full-time equivalent physicians, or otherwise obtains the ability to
34 exercise operational control, managerial control or decision-making
35 authority over such large group practice.

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate certain certificate of need requirements.