



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 6765***

*January Session, 2025*



***AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTANCE WITH DENTAL SERVICES FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.***

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

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section,  
2       "veteran" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103 of the  
3       general statutes, and "federally-qualified health center" has the same  
4       meaning as provided in Section 1905(l)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act,  
5       42 USC 1396d(l)(2)(B), as amended from time to time.

6       (b) On and after January 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Veterans  
7       Affairs shall, within available appropriations, implement and  
8       administer a program to provide assistance vouchers to eligible veterans  
9       for purposes of covering certain costs associated with receiving dental  
10      services at any federally-qualified health center in this state and at The  
11      University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine and other public  
12      institutions of higher education capable of providing such services.

13      (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the  
14      provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to carry out the  
15      provisions of subsection (b) of this section, including, but not limited to,  
16      (1) the development of criteria for the determination of a veteran's  
17      eligibility for the program described in said subsection, (2) the  
18      establishment of procedures, and prescription of any necessary forms,

19 by which a veteran may apply for such program, (3) the types of dental  
20 services for which costs may be covered under such program, and (4)  
21 the nature and amounts of the costs incurred for such dental services  
22 that may be covered under such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
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**VA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*