

## General Assembly

## Raised Bill No. 6984

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LCO No. 4836



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by: (AGE)

## AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT DAY CENTER TRANSPORTATION.

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

- Section 1. Section 17b-343 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):
- 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
- 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
- establish a fee schedule, to be effective on and after July 1, 1994, for

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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 followin	g
sections:	

Section 1	July 1, 2025	17b-343

**AGE** Joint Favorable

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