



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Substitute Bill No. 7023**



**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE COACHES AND MENTAL HEALTH  
COUNSELORS UNDER A PEER SUPPORT TREATMENT MODEL.**

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 "peer support services" means recovery-focused behavioral health  
3 services that allow an individual the opportunity to learn to manage  
4 such individual's recovery with help from a peer support specialist; and  
5 (2) "peer support specialist" means an individual who (A) may have  
6 experience recovering from mental illness or substance use disorder,  
7 and (B) is certified to provide peer recovery support under a program  
8 administered by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
9 Services.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid  
11 state plan to integrate peer support services into care teams funded  
12 under the medical assistance program and provide Medicaid  
13 reimbursement to peer support specialists for such services.

14 (c) Not later than August 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Social Services  
15 shall file a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
16 the general statutes, with the joint standing committees of the General  
17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and  
18 public health on (1) the number of peer support specialists provided

19 Medicaid reimbursement, (2) the number of Medicaid enrollees they  
20 serve, and (3) any outcome data on treatment provided by such  
21 specialists to such enrollees.

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

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (a)(2), "means a person" was changed to "means an individual" for consistency.

**HS**            *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*