



General Assembly

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LCO No. 5533



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR
COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SERVICES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-28l of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, "certified community health worker"
4 has the same meaning as provided in section 20-195ttt. The
5 Commissioner of Social Services shall design and implement a program
6 to provide Medicaid reimbursement to certified community health
7 workers for services provided to HUSKY Health program members,
8 including, but not limited to: (1) Coordination of medical, oral and
9 behavioral health care services and social supports; (2) connection to
10 and navigation of health systems and services; (3) prenatal, birth,
11 lactation and postpartum supports; and (4) health promotion, coaching
12 and self-management education.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services and the commissioner's
14 designees shall consult with certified community health workers,
15 Medicaid beneficiaries and advocates, including, but not limited to,

16 advocates for persons with physical, mental and developmental
 17 disabilities, and others throughout the design and implementation of
 18 the certified community health worker reimbursement program in a
 19 manner that (1) is inclusive of community-based and clinic-based
 20 certified community health workers; (2) is representative of medical
 21 assistance program member demographics; and (3) helps shape the
 22 reimbursement program's design and implementation. The
 23 commissioner, in consultation with community health workers,
 24 Medicaid beneficiaries and such advocates, shall explore options for the
 25 reimbursement program's design that ensures access to such
 26 community health workers, encourages workforce growth to support
 27 such access and averts the risk of creating financial incentives for other
 28 providers to limit access to such community health workers.

29 (c) [Not later than January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter until the
 30 reimbursement program is fully implemented, the] The Commissioner
 31 of Social Services shall twice annually submit a report, in accordance
 32 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of
 33 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
 34 services and the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight. The
 35 initial report shall be submitted not less than six months prior to the
 36 implementation of the reimbursement program. The reports shall be
 37 submitted every six months and contain an update on the certified
 38 community health worker reimbursement program design and
 39 implementation, including, but not limited to (1) an analysis regarding
 40 the program elements designed to ensure access to such services,
 41 promote workforce growth and avert the risk of creating financial
 42 incentives for other providers to limit access to such community health
 43 workers, and (2) an evaluation of any impact of the program on health
 44 outcomes and health equity.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-28l
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Social Services to report twice annually on compliance with a law requiring Medicaid reimbursement for community health workers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]