
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6936

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR INPATIENT ADDICTION TREATMENT PROVIDERS THAT COVERS ROOM AND BOARD COSTS FOR MEDICAID ENROLLEES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Social Services commissioner, within available appropriations, to provide state-funded medical assistance coverage for room and board costs for Medicaid enrollees receiving residential substance use disorder treatment.

Under the bill, the commissioner may amend, in a way consistent with federal law, the (1) state's substance use disorder (SUD) Medicaid demonstration waiver or (2) Medicaid state plan to extend Medicaid coverage for these room and board costs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

SUD Medicaid Demonstration Waiver

In 2022, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved Connecticut's Section 1115 Medicaid SUD demonstration waiver. Among other things, the five-year demonstration expands SUD services for all HUSKY Health members, including coverage for inpatient and residential SUD treatment as well as inpatient withdrawal management.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/04/2025)