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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PAYMENTS, ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY PHARMACIST COMPENSATION FOR ADMINISTERING CERTAIN SERVICES, REVISING THE DEFINITION OF CLINICAL PEER AND CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT UNFAIR INSURANCE PRACTICES ACT."

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- 1 In line 42, strike "ten" and insert in lieu thereof "fifteen"
- 2 Strike section 2 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
- 3 thereof:
- 4 "Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2025, the
- 5 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
- 6 having cognizance of matters relating to insurance, or their designees,
- 7 shall convene a working group to study and make recommendations for
- 8 legislation related to the compensation of pharmacists licensed under
- 9 chapter 400j of the general statutes, who provide certain health care
- 10 services, including, but not limited to, vaccine administration, HIV-
- 11 related tests, influenza-related tests and the prescribing of contraceptive

12 devices or products approved by the federal Food and Drug
13 Administration. For the purposes of this section, (1) "chain pharmacy"
14 means any community pharmacy that is publicly traded or has not less
15 than six stores located in this state, (2) "HIV-related test" and "influenza-
16 related test" have the same meanings as provided in section 20-633f of
17 the general statutes, (3) "independent pharmacy" means any privately
18 owned pharmacy that has not more than five stores located in this state,
19 (4) "pharmacist" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-571 of
20 the general statutes, and (5) "pharmacy benefits manager" has the same
21 meaning as provided in section 38a-479aaa of the general statutes.

22 (b) The working group convened pursuant to subsection (a) of this
23 section shall consist of the following members:

24 (1) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
25 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance, or their
26 designees;

27 (2) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the
28 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance,
29 or their designees;

30 (3) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

31 (4) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's
32 designee;

33 (5) A pharmacist licensed under chapter 400j of the general statutes
34 who is employed by any independent pharmacy;

35 (6) A pharmacist licensed under chapter 400j of the general statutes
36 who is employed by any chain pharmacy;

37 (7) A pharmacist licensed under chapter 400j of the general statutes
38 who is employed by any health system pharmacy;

39 (8) A representative of any organization representing pharmacy
40 benefits managers;

41 (9) A representative of any health insurance company doing business
42 in this state;

43 (10) A representative of any pharmaceutical company doing business
44 in this state;

45 (11) A faculty member of a school of pharmacy in this state;

46 (12) A representative of a small employer in this state that employs
47 less than fifty employees;

48 (13) A representative of a large employer in this state that employs
49 more than one hundred employees; and

50 (14) A representative of the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange.

51 (c) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
52 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
53 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

54 (d) Working group members shall be appointed by the chairpersons
55 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
56 cognizance of matters relating to insurance. The administrative staff of
57 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
58 cognizance of matters relating to insurance shall serve as administrative
59 staff of the working group.

60 (e) Not later than February 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a
61 report on its findings and legislative recommendations to the joint
62 standing committee of General Assembly having cognizance of matters
63 relating to insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
64 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date
65 the working group submits such report or February 1, 2026, whichever
66 is later."

67 Strike sections 3 to 5, inclusive, in their entirety.