



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5354

LCO No. 1090



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PHARMACY AUDITS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
2 "extrapolation" has the same meaning as provided in subsection (d) of
3 section 17b-99 of the general statutes, and (2) "pharmacy" means a
4 pharmacy participating in the state Medicaid program. The
5 Commissioner of Social Services shall not, as a basis for denying
6 Medicaid reimbursements to a pharmacy, use extrapolation of data
7 stemming from clerical errors or minor technical errors in any audit of
8 such pharmacy conducted by the Department of Social Services
9 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 17b-99 of the general statutes.

10 (b) The commissioner shall (1) provide a process to confirm receipt
11 by a pharmacy of any notices from the department, including notices to
12 a pharmacy regarding pharmacy billing, and (2) maintain a reliable
13 database accessible to a pharmacy of the preferred drug list approved
14 pursuant to section 17b-274d of the general statutes. The commissioner
15 shall update such database with real-time information regarding denials
16 and approvals of drugs for inclusion on such preferred drug list.

17 (c) Not later than October 1, 2026, the commissioner shall implement
18 a grievance process in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes
19 by which a pharmacy may challenge the Medicaid reimbursement for
20 dispensing a prescribed drug that does not cover a pharmacy's cost in
21 dispensing such drug to a Medicaid recipient. Such process shall allow
22 a pharmacy to present evidence of the pharmacy's cost in dispensing
23 such drug in comparison to the disputed Medicaid reimbursement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To limit burdens on pharmacies subjected to audit under the Medicaid program.

[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.]