



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

**Raised Bill No. 239**

LCO No. 1589



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING NUTRITION AND FOOD-BASED INTERVENTIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-127k of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (j) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 (NEW) (j) When conducting a community health needs assessment,  
4 each hospital shall examine the nutrition needs of community members  
5 with diabetes and congestive heart failure and, to the extent permissible  
6 under federal law, (1) include such nutrition needs in the hospital's  
7 community health needs assessment, and (2) prioritize medically  
8 tailored and food-based interventions for community members with  
9 diabetes or congestive heart failure in the hospital's implementation  
10 strategy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2026	19a-127k(j)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require hospitals to (1) examine the nutrition needs of community members with diabetes and congestive heart failure when conducting a community health needs assessment, and (2) prioritize medically tailored and food-based interventions for such community members in the hospital's community benefits implementation strategy.

*[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.]*