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"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO HUMAN SERVICES STATUTES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 17b-343 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

5 The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish annually the
6 maximum allowable rate to be paid by agencies for homemaker
7 services, chore person services, companion services, respite care, meals
8 on wheels, adult day care services, case management and assessment
9 services, transportation, mental health counseling and elderly foster
10 care. The Commissioner of Social Services shall prescribe uniform forms
11 on which agencies providing such services shall report their costs for
12 such services. Such rates shall be determined on the basis of a reasonable
13 payment for necessary services rendered. The maximum allowable rates
14 established by the Commissioner of Social Services for the Connecticut
15 home-care program for the elderly established under section 17b-342

16 shall constitute the rates required under this section until revised in
17 accordance with this section. The Commissioner of Social Services shall
18 establish a fee schedule, to be effective on and after July 1, 1994, for
19 homemaker services, chore person services, companion services, respite
20 care, meals on wheels, adult day care services, case management and
21 assessment services, transportation, mental health counseling and
22 elderly foster care. The commissioner may annually increase the fee
23 schedule based on an increase in the cost of services. On and after July
24 1, 2026, the commissioner shall increase the fee schedule for a home care
25 provider, as defined in section 17b-374, who provides transportation to
26 or from medical appointments for home care clients who are Medicaid
27 beneficiaries, provided such provider has a state-issued driver's license
28 and sufficient liability insurance as prescribed by the commissioner. The
29 commissioner shall increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2000, by
30 not less than five per cent, for adult day care services. The commissioner
31 shall increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2011, by four dollars per
32 person, per day for adult day care services. The commissioner shall
33 increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2019, for meals on wheels by
34 ten per cent over the fee schedule for meals on wheels for the previous
35 fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the
36 commissioner may increase the fee schedule for meals on wheels
37 providers serving participants in the Connecticut home-care program
38 for the elderly by, at a minimum, the cost-of-living adjustment as
39 measured by the consumer price index. The commissioner may increase
40 any fee payable to a meals on wheels provider upon the application of
41 such provider evidencing extraordinary costs related to delivery of
42 meals on wheels in sparsely populated rural regions of the state.
43 Nothing contained in this section shall authorize a payment by the state
44 to any agency for such services in excess of the amount charged by such
45 agency for such services to the general public.

46 Sec. 502. Section 17b-276 of the general statutes is amended by adding
47 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

48 (NEW) (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, on and

49 after July 1, 2026, the commissioner shall reimburse a home care
50 provider, as defined in section 17b-374, who provides a home care client
51 who is a Medicaid beneficiary transportation to or from a medical
52 appointment, provided such home care provider has a state-issued
53 driver's license and sufficient liability insurance as prescribed by the
54 commissioner."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Sec. 501 | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | 17b-343 |
| Sec. 502 | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | 17b-276(c) |