



AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-239 of the general statutes, as amended by
2 sections 11 and 66 of public act 01-2 of the June special session, sections
3 1 and 2 of public act 01-3 of the June special session and sections 119,
4 120, 121 and 129 of public act 01-9 of the June special session, is
5 amended by adding subsections (h) and (i) as follows: (*Effective from*
6 *passage*):

7 (NEW) (h) The commissioner shall establish a schedule of rates for
8 hospital outpatient mental health services and services provided at
9 freestanding licensed mental health and substance abuse facilities for
10 the rate period beginning July 1, 2002, and for each succeeding rate
11 period, which shall be equal to ninety per cent of the Medicare
12 physician fee schedule in effect on the first day of the rate period.

13 (NEW) (i) The commissioner shall establish a schedule of rates for
14 partial hospitalization services provided by acute care hospitals as
15 follows: (1) For the rate period beginning July 1, 2002, the rates shall be
16 equal to the rates paid as of October 1, 2001, for partial hospitalization
17 services provided in freestanding psychiatric hospitals plus an
18 inflation factor equal to the Medicare market basket inflation rate as
19 published in the previous September federal register with the wage

20 portion of such market basket adjusted for the Hartford metropolitan
21 statistical area; (2) for the rate period beginning July 1, 2003, and for
22 each succeeding rate period, the rates for partial hospitalization
23 services shall be equal to the rates for the preceding rate period, plus
24 an inflation factor equal to the Medicare market basket inflation rate as
25 published in the previous September federal register of each year with
26 the wage portion of such market basket adjusted for the Hartford
27 metropolitan statistical area.

28 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 17b-263 of the general statutes is
29 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
30 *passage*):

31 (b) The rate paid for hospital outpatient mental health therapy
32 services, except for partial hospitalization and other comprehensive
33 services as defined by the commissioner, shall be that established in
34 subsection [(d)] (h) of section 17b-239, as amended by this act, for an
35 outpatient clinic visit. Payment for partial hospitalization services in
36 accordance with subsection (i) of section 17b-239, as amended by this
37 act, shall be considered payment in full for all outpatient mental health
38 services.

39 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
40 Services shall establish a schedule of rates for outpatient mental health
41 services provided by community mental health clinics to Medicaid
42 recipients for the rate year beginning July 1, 2002, and for each
43 succeeding rate period, which shall be equal to ninety per cent of the
44 Medicare physician fee schedule in effect on the first day of the rate
45 year, as established pursuant to Section 1848 of the Social Security Act,
46 42 USC Section 1395w-4(a).

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
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