



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6635**

*January Session, 2003*

**AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) The Long-Term Care Advisory  
2 Council, in collaboration with other interested entities, shall establish a  
3 task force to study the feasibility of operating a Medicaid Disease  
4 Management Program. The scope of the task force study shall include,  
5 but not be limited to, (1) processes to identify the appropriate target  
6 population for participation in a disease management program, (2)  
7 medically based practice guidelines, (3) cooperative case management  
8 models that include physician and support service providers, (4)  
9 patient self-management education programs, (5) methods for  
10 measuring program processes and outcomes in a standardized and  
11 objective manner, and (6) reporting and quality assurance systems that  
12 include communications between the patient, physician and ancillary  
13 providers. Such study shall also include an examination of disease  
14 management programs that have been implemented by other states  
15 including, Florida, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York,  
16 Pennsylvania and Utah.

17 (b) Not later than February 1, 2004, the task force shall submit a  
18 report on its findings and recommendations, in accordance with the  
19 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
21 relating to human services. The task force shall terminate on the date

22 that it submits such report or February 1, 2004, whichever is earlier.

23       Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The sum of \_\_\_\_ dollars is appropriated  
24 to the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the  
25 fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, for the purpose of expansion of the  
26 demonstration program for provision of respite care services for  
27 caretakers of Alzheimer's patients established pursuant to section 17b-  
28 349e of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

**HS**       *Joint Favorable Subst.*