



AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-22f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services may, with regard to the
4 provision of behavioral health services provided pursuant to a state
5 plan under Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security Act: (1) Contract
6 with an administrative services organization to provide clinical
7 management and other administrative services; [and] (2) delegate
8 responsibility to the Department of Children and Families for the
9 clinical management portion of an administrative contract pertaining
10 to children under eighteen years of age or individuals who are
11 otherwise receiving behavioral health services from said department;
12 and (3) delegate to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
13 Services responsibility for the clinical management portion of an
14 administrative contract pertaining to adults with psychiatric
15 disabilities.

16 (b) For purposes of this section, the term "clinical management"
17 describes the process of evaluating and determining the
18 appropriateness of the utilization of behavioral health services,
19 providing assistance to clinicians or beneficiaries to ensure appropriate
20 use of resources and may include, but is not limited to, authorization,

21 concurrent and retrospective review, discharge review, quality
22 management, provider certification and provider performance
23 enhancement. The Commissioners of Social Services, [and] Children
24 and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services shall jointly
25 develop clinical management policies and procedures. The
26 Department of Social Services may implement policies and procedures
27 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including any
28 necessary changes to existing behavioral health policies and
29 procedures concerning utilization management, while in the process of
30 adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form, provided
31 the commissioner publishes notice of intention to adopt the regulations
32 in the Connecticut Law Journal within twenty days of implementing
33 such policies and procedures. Policies and procedures implemented
34 pursuant to this subsection shall be valid until the earlier of (1) the
35 time such regulations are effective, or (2) December 1, 2003.

36 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 17a-451 of the general statutes is
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
38 *1, 2003*):

39 (e) The commissioner shall collaborate and cooperate with other
40 state agencies providing services for mentally disordered children and
41 adults with psychiatric disabilities or persons with substance abuse
42 disabilities, or persons with both disabilities, and shall coordinate the
43 activities of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
44 with the activities of said agencies. The Department of Mental Health
45 and Addiction Services may manage behavioral health clinical
46 management services for adults who are eligible for benefits pursuant
47 to a state plan under Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

48 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) The Department of Social
49 Services, the Department of Children and Families and the Department
50 of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall enter into a written
51 memorandum of understanding for purposes of section 17a-22f of the
52 general statutes, as amended by this act. Such memorandum of
53 understanding shall be reviewed by the Attorney General to ensure

54 that the plan of collaboration adequately protects the persons intended
55 to be served pursuant to said section. If the Attorney General approves
56 the memorandum of understanding, it shall then be submitted to the
57 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
58 of matters relating to public health and human services for their
59 review and approval.

60 (b) On or before October 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, the
61 Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the
62 Commissioners of Children and Families and Mental Health and
63 Addiction Services, shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
64 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
65 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
66 the budgets of state agencies, public health and human services on the
67 provision of behavioral health services pursuant to section 17a-22f of
68 the general statutes, as amended by this act, including information on
69 the status of the contract with an administrative services organization,
70 the operation of the collaboration among the Departments of Social
71 Services, Children and Families and Mental Health and Addiction
72 Services, the services provided, the number of persons served and the
73 costs and benefits realized from such program.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*