



AN ACT CONCERNING PRIMARY CARE CASE MANAGEMENT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, (1) "primary care case management" is a system of care in
3 which a beneficiary is assigned to a primary care provider who
4 provides such beneficiary with (A) primary care medical services, (B)
5 referrals to specialty care, and (C) other health care coordination
6 services as determined by the Department of Social Services, and (2)
7 "primary care provider" is a person licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of
8 the general statutes. Primary care providers participating in primary
9 care case management shall be reimbursed by the state for referral and
10 coordination services provided in addition to primary care medical
11 services.

12 (b) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 319v of the general
13 statutes, the Department of Social Services shall implement a pilot
14 program to provide primary care case management to beneficiaries
15 eligible for medical assistance under sections 17b-257, 17b-261 and 17b-
16 289 to 17b-303, inclusive, of the general statutes. The pilot program
17 shall include training and education for primary care providers and
18 beneficiaries regarding the pilot program. The department may enter
19 into contracts for primary care case management to implement the
20 provisions of this section, but no such contract shall be with a managed
21 care plan.

22 (2) The department shall allow any beneficiary participating in such
23 pilot program to apply to the department for a primary care provider
24 other than the primary care provider designated.

25 (3) The department shall develop protocols to ensure coordination
26 between the pilot program and other medical services provided to
27 beneficiaries, particularly behavioral health and dental services.

28 (4) The department shall conduct comprehensive, independent and
29 regular evaluations of program costs, beneficiary satisfaction, health
30 care provider satisfaction, access to health care, appropriate service
31 utilization, health outcomes and administrative burdens to health care
32 providers, beneficiaries and the state of the pilot program. The
33 department shall submit a report on such evaluation on an annual
34 basis to the Medicaid Managed Care Council under section 17b-28 of
35 the general statutes.

36 (c) The department shall develop a plan to involve the public and
37 health care providers in the design and implementation of the pilot
38 program.

39 (d) The Commissioner of Social Services may seek a waiver from
40 federal law as necessary to implement the pilot program established
41 pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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