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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PRIMARY CARE CASE MANAGEMENT."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) As used in this  
4 section:

5 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;

6 (2) "Department" means the Department of Public Health;

7 (3) "Medical assistant" means an individual providing services in a  
8 medical setting under the supervision of a licensed physician;

9 (4) "Registered medical assistant" means an individual who has  
10 been issued registration as provided in this section;

11 (5) "Registration" means a document issued by the commissioner to  
12 a medical assistant that certifies that such medical assistant has  
13 satisfied the training and competency evaluation requirements

14 established by the commissioner.

15 (b) (1) The commissioner shall establish and maintain a registry of  
16 medical assistants who meet the standards established in regulations  
17 pursuant to subsection (e) of this section. Any person seeking to be  
18 registered as a medical assistant shall apply to the department in such  
19 manner and on such forms as prescribed by the commissioner. The  
20 registry shall contain names and addresses of registered medical  
21 assistants and such other information as the commissioner may  
22 require. The registry shall also provide for the inclusion of specific  
23 documented findings relating to complaints received pursuant to  
24 subsection (c) of this section rendered by the commissioner, as well as  
25 any brief statement disputing such findings by the subject thereof.

26 (2) The commissioner shall establish a fee schedule for persons who  
27 wish to be listed in the registry of medical assistants.

28 (c) The department shall receive and investigate complaints against  
29 persons who are on the registry established pursuant to subsection (b)  
30 of this section. A medical assistant shall be given written notice by  
31 certified mail by the commissioner of any complaint against him or  
32 her. The medical assistant may, no later than thirty days after the date  
33 of the mailing of the notice, make a request in writing for a hearing to  
34 contest the complaint. The commissioner shall render a finding on  
35 such complaint, and, if a hearing is requested, it shall be conducted  
36 pursuant to chapter 54 of the general statutes. The commissioner shall  
37 have the authority to render a finding and enter such finding on the  
38 registry against an individual who is employed or formerly was  
39 employed as a medical assistant, without regard to whether such  
40 individual is on the registry or has obtained registration as a medical  
41 assistant from the department.

42 (d) Nothing in this section shall authorize any person to engage in  
43 any activity for which a license is required pursuant to any provision  
44 of the general statutes.

45 (e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with

46 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, for purposes of this  
47 section. Such regulations shall include requirements for education or  
48 training for a person to be included on the registry, a mechanism to  
49 evaluate the competency of persons seeking registration, and the  
50 minimum requirements for training programs for medical assistants.

51 Sec. 502. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes is  
52 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
53 *October 1, 2003*):

54 (c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are  
55 licensed or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:

- 56 (1) Speech pathologist and audiologist;
- 57 (2) Hearing instrument specialist;
- 58 (3) Nursing home administrator;
- 59 (4) Sanitarian;
- 60 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;
- 61 (6) Marital and family therapist;
- 62 (7) Nurse-midwife;
- 63 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;
- 64 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;
- 65 (10) Asbestos contractor and asbestos consultant;
- 66 (11) Massage therapist;
- 67 (12) Registered nurse's aide;
- 68 (13) Radiographer;
- 69 (14) Dental hygienist;

- 70 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- 71 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- 72 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- 73 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- 74 (19) Professional counselor;
- 75 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 76 (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- 77 (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead  
78 consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker,  
79 inspector and planner-project designer;
- 80 (23) Emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-  
81 intermediate, medical response technician and emergency medical  
82 services instructor; [and]
- 83 (24) Paramedic; and
- 84 (25) Medical assistant.

85 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested  
86 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such  
87 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,  
88 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a,  
89 [and] 400c and section 1 of this act, including, but not limited to,  
90 standards for entry and renewal; grounds for professional discipline;  
91 receiving and processing complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall  
92 apply, except as otherwise provided by law, to the professions listed in  
93 this subsection.

94 Sec. 503. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes, as  
95 amended by section 8 of public act 00-226, is repealed and the  
96 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective on and after the later of*

97 *October 1, 2000, or the date notice is published by the Commissioner of Public*  
98 *Health in the Connecticut Law Journal indicating that the licensing of athletic*  
99 *trainers and physical therapist assistants is being implemented by the*  
100 *commissioner):*

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