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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF OPTIONAL SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-28e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 [Not later than September 30, 2002, the Commissioner of Social
4 Services shall submit an amendment to the Medicaid state plan to
5 implement the provisions of public act 02-1 of the May 9 special
6 session* concerning optional services under the Medicaid program.]
7 The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid state
8 plan to include as optional services covered under the Medicaid
9 program (1) services provided by a chiropractor licensed under
10 chapter 372, a natureopath licensed under chapter 373, a podiatrist
11 licensed under chapter 375, a psychologist licensed under chapter 383,
12 an optometrist licensed under chapter 380, an audiologist licensed
13 under chapter 399, and a speech pathologist licensed under chapter
14 399, (2) hospice services, and (3) personal care assistance services. Said
15 state plan amendment shall supersede any regulations of Connecticut
16 state agencies concerning such optional services.

17 Sec. 2. Section 17b-282a of the general statutes is repealed and the
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

19 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services, to the extent permitted by
20 federal law, shall amend the Medicaid state plan to provide coverage
21 for general anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services provided
22 in conjunction with dental services, provided such anesthesia, nursing
23 and related hospital services are provided in conjunction with in-
24 patient dental services if the following conditions are met:

25 (1) The anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services are deemed
26 medically necessary by the treating dentist or oral surgeon and the
27 patient's primary care physician in accordance with the department's
28 requirements for prior authorization of services, if required; and

29 (2) The patient is either (A) a child under the age of four who is
30 determined by a licensed dentist, in conjunction with a licensed
31 physician who specializes in primary care, to have a dental condition
32 of significant dental complexity that it requires certain dental
33 procedures to be performed in a hospital, or (B) a person who has a
34 developmental disability, as determined by a licensed physician who
35 specializes in primary care, that places the person at serious risk. The
36 expense of such anesthesia, nursing and related hospital services shall
37 be deemed a medical expense under such health insurance policy and
38 shall not be subject to any limits on dental benefits under such policy.

39 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, shall amend the Medicaid
40 state plan, to provide coverage to the extent permitted by federal law,
41 for screening and treatment of periodontal disease for pregnant
42 women under the Medicaid program.

43 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Commissioner of Social
44 Services shall apply for a Medicaid Research and Demonstration
45 Waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act in order to
46 establish a demonstration project for the provision of home-based
47 telemonitoring services by not more than three licensed home health

48 care agencies who contract with the Department of Social Services to
49 provide home health care services to Medicaid program beneficiaries.
50 The demonstration project shall be designed to promote the efficient,
51 appropriate and cost-effective delivery of home health care services to
52 persons with chronic medical conditions, including, but not limited to,
53 diabetes. Home-based telemonitoring services available under the
54 demonstration project shall utilize technology to enhance collaboration
55 and communication between the recipient of the services and the home
56 health care professionals providing services to such recipient. Not later
57 than July 1, 2007, the commissioner shall report, in accordance with
58 section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the status of the demonstration
59 project to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
60 having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
61 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	17b-28e
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	17b-282a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To expand access to a variety of health care services under the Medicaid program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]