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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING RATES OF PAYMENT FOR HOME CARE SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-342 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (c) The community-based services covered under the program shall
5 include, but not be limited to, the following services to the extent that
6 they are not available under the state Medicaid plan, occupational
7 therapy, homemaker services, companion services, meals on wheels,
8 adult day care, transportation, mental health counseling, care
9 management, elderly foster care, personal care assistance services,
10 minor home modifications and assisted living services provided in
11 state-funded congregate housing and in other assisted living pilot or
12 demonstration projects established under state law. Recipients of state-
13 funded services and persons who are determined to be functionally
14 eligible for community-based services who have an application for
15 medical assistance pending shall have the cost of home health and
16 community-based services covered by the program, provided they

17 comply with all medical assistance application requirements. Access
 18 agencies shall not use department funds to purchase community-based
 19 services or home health services from themselves or any related
 20 parties.

21 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17b-342a of the general statutes is
 22 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 23 *1, 2007*):

24 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available
 25 appropriations, establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to
 26 allow no more than [two hundred fifty] five hundred persons who are
 27 sixty-five years of age or older and meet the eligibility requirements of
 28 the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly established under
 29 section 17b-342 to receive personal care assistance provided such
 30 services are cost effective as determined by the Commissioner of Social
 31 Services. Persons who receive personal care assistance services
 32 pursuant to the pilot program established by section 47 of public act
 33 00-2 of the June special session* shall be included as participants of the
 34 pilot program established pursuant to this section. Personal care
 35 assistance under the program may be provided by nonspousal family
 36 members of the recipient of services under the program.

37 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of two million dollars is
 38 appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the General
 39 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose of
 40 increasing reimbursement rates paid to providers of home care
 41 services under the Connecticut home care program for the elderly
 42 administered pursuant to section 17b-342 of the general statutes, as
 43 amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	17b-342(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	17b-342a(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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