



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7299

LCO No. 4892

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT RATES TO PHYSICIANS WHO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES TO MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 17b-239 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
5 the provisions of chapter 54, establishing criteria for defining
6 emergency and nonemergency visits to hospital emergency rooms. All
7 nonemergency visits to hospital emergency rooms shall be paid at the
8 hospital's outpatient clinic services rate. The rate paid by the
9 commissioner to any physician who provides professional services to a
10 Medicaid beneficiary in the emergency room of a hospital shall be
11 separate and distinct from the rate provided to such hospital for the
12 provision of services. Nothing contained in this subsection or the
13 regulations adopted hereunder shall authorize a payment by the state
14 for such services to any hospital in excess of the charges made by such
15 hospital for comparable services to the general public.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	17b-239(e)
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to revise Medicaid reimbursement practices to allow any physician who provides services to a Medicaid beneficiary in a hospital emergency room to be reimbursed at a rate that is separate and distinct from the rate paid to the hospital for the provision of services.

[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.]