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Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE TO HUSKY PLAN, PART A AND PART B RECIPIENTS AND PARITY OF PAYMENT RATES TO PROVIDERS UNDER THE HUSKY PLAN, PART A.

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-1041 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (f) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (NEW) (f) The Office of the Healthcare Advocate shall provide
4 informational assistance to recipients of HUSKY Plan, Part A or Part B
5 benefits. Informational assistance provided by the Office of the
6 Healthcare Advocate shall include, but not be limited to, information
7 on: (1) Selection of the HUSKY Plan option that best meets the needs of
8 the recipient; (2) the enrollment process; (3) primary care provider
9 selection; (4) assistance in negotiating the managed care and Medicaid
10 systems to access health care services; and (5) collaboration with the
11 Department of Social Services to resolve eligibility, enrollment and
12 access issues.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Commissioner of Social
14 Services shall ensure that all managed care health plans with which the

15 department contracts for the delivery of health care services to HUSKY
 16 Plan, Part A enrollees, establish a fee schedule for reimbursement to
 17 providers offering case management services to HUSKY Plan, Part A
 18 enrollees with complex physical and mental health care needs, and
 19 that the fee under such schedule not be less than the fee paid by the
 20 department to providers offering case management services to
 21 children with complex behavioral health needs. All such managed care
 22 health plans shall report quarterly to the Department of Social Services
 23 individual data on all provider care coordination claims, including
 24 paid claims and denied claims along with the reasons for any claim
 25 denials.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	38a-1041
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B recipients access to assistance from the Office of the Healthcare Advocate. To reimburse health care providers offering case management services to children with chronic physical health problems at the same rate provided for such services to providers servicing children with complex behavioral needs.

[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.]

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