



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6675

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and
3 the State Comptroller, shall develop short-term and long-term
4 recommendations addressing the most effective use of the increase in
5 federal funds received by the state, including, but not limited to,
6 federal funds received that are attributable to the enhanced federal
7 medical assistance percentage, for purposes of utilizing such funds to
8 provide improved access to health care for state residents. Such
9 recommendations may address topics that include, but are not limited
10 to, provider reimbursement rates, expanded enrollment in existing
11 state health care programs, the improved delivery of health care
12 services through existing state health care programs, development of
13 health information technology and improved leveraging of federal
14 dollars for state health care costs. On or before July 1, 2009, and
15 annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Social Services shall report,
16 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
17 statutes, such recommendations to the joint standing committees of the
18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
19 services, public health and appropriations and the budgets of state
20 agencies.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*