



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 635**

LCO No. 1016

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

**AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO INFORM  
MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES CONCERNING THE USE OF  
MEDICATIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID DEPENDENCY.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require health care
- 2 providers to inform patients, who are Medicaid beneficiaries and who
- 3 are receiving treatment for opioid dependency, of the medication
- 4 options available and of the risk of dependency associated with each
- 5 such medication.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide Medicaid-eligible patients receiving medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction with the right to be informed of and treated with those medications that have been determined, according to the Drug Enforcement Agency's controlled substance schedule, to have a lesser potential to create or enhance dependency.