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"AN ACT CONCERNING HUSKY REFORM."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 17b-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, not later
6 than [November 1, 2007] January 1, 2010, the Department of Social
7 Services shall [develop a plan to] implement a [pilot] state-wide
8 program for the delivery of health care services through a system of
9 primary care case management to [not less than one thousand] provide
10 medical assistance to all individuals who are [otherwise] eligible to
11 receive [HUSKY Plan, Part A] benefits under chapter 319v and who
12 elect to participate in the program. For purposes of this section,
13 "primary care case management" means a system of care in which the
14 health care services for program beneficiaries are coordinated by a

15 primary care provider chosen by or assigned to the beneficiary.

16 (b) Not later than July 1, 2009, the department shall begin recruiting
17 providers and consumers to participate in the optional primary care
18 case management program.

19 (c) The department shall develop and implement a marketing
20 campaign for the purpose of promoting the optional primary care case
21 management program. Such marketing campaign shall include, but
22 not be limited to, media advertising, community meeting
23 presentations, health fairs, and in-service training for providers of
24 social services and health care.

25 (d) The department shall, with the participation of consumer
26 advocates and providers of social services and health care, develop
27 consumer marketing and informational materials for the program,
28 including a brochure describing program benefits and a primary care
29 case management member handbook. Not later than July 1, 2009, the
30 department shall disseminate such consumer materials to individuals
31 eligible for benefits under chapter 319v.

32 (e) Not later than October 1, 2010, the department shall develop
33 program standards for care management and risk assessment.

34 (f) [Such plan shall be submitted] Not later than October 1, 2010, the
35 Commissioner of Social Services shall select an independent evaluator
36 that the commissioner recommends to evaluate the program and
37 submit the name of the recommended evaluator to the joint standing
38 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
39 relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state
40 agencies. Not later than thirty days after the date [of receipt of such
41 plan] the commissioner submits the evaluator's name, said joint
42 standing committees of the General Assembly shall hold a joint [public
43 hearing to review such plan] meeting to consider the credentials of the
44 recommended evaluator. Said joint standing committees of the General
45 Assembly [may] shall advise the commissioner of their approval or
46 [denial or modifications, if any,] rejection of the [plan] commissioner's

47 recommendation for an evaluator. [Primary care providers
48 participating in the primary care case management system shall
49 provide program beneficiaries with primary care medical services and
50 arrange for specialty care as needed. For purposes of this section,
51 "primary care case management" means a system of care in which the
52 health care services for program beneficiaries are coordinated by a
53 primary care provider chosen by or assigned to the beneficiary. The
54 Commissioner of Social Services shall begin enrollment for the primary
55 care case management system not later than April 1, 2008.] If said
56 committees reject the commissioner's recommendation for an
57 evaluator, not later than thirty days after the date of such rejection the
58 commissioner shall select another evaluator to recommend to said
59 committees and submit such evaluator's name to said committees for
60 their approval in accordance with this subsection.

61 (g) The evaluator approved by the joint standing committees of the
62 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
63 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
64 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section, shall begin a comprehensive
65 evaluation of the primary care case management program on January
66 15, 2011, or one year after the date of the program's implementation,
67 whichever is later. The evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a
68 customer satisfaction survey. The evaluator shall prepare a report on
69 the results of the evaluation and submit such report to the
70 commissioner. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the
71 results of the customer satisfaction survey and any recommendations
72 for improvement of the program. Not later than ten days after the
73 commissioner's receipt of the evaluator's report, the commissioner
74 shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a, a copy of the report to
75 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
76 cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations.

77 (h) The Commissioner of Social Services may secure administrative
78 support services for the primary care case management program,
79 except the commissioner shall not enter into a contract for the
80 provision of such services with a provider of comprehensive health

81 care services as described in subsection (b) of section 17b-266.

82 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-218,
83 records maintained by primary care case management providers shall
84 not be subject to public disclosure."