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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 Section 17b-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the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. The department shall operate such
13 primary care case management program under the same rules, policies
14 and procedures as the department's primary care case management

15 pilot program including (1) the same negotiated care-coordination
16 payment standards, and (2) the same requirements for service
17 providers to comply with federal Medicaid reporting requirements.
18 For purposes of this section, "primary care case management" means a
19 system of care in which the health care services for program
20 beneficiaries are coordinated by a primary care provider or other
21 medical specialist approved by the department that is chosen by or
22 assigned to the beneficiary.

23 (b) Not later than July 1, 2009, the department shall, within existing
24 budgetary resources, begin recruiting providers and consumers to
25 participate in the optional primary care case management program.
26 The department shall utilize the same resources to conduct such
27 recruitment activities as the department utilized to conduct
28 recruitment activities for the pilot program implemented pursuant to
29 section 17b-307.

30 (c) [Such plan shall be submitted] Not later than one year after the
31 date of the program's implementation, the Commissioner of Social
32 Services shall, within existing budgetary resources, conduct a
33 comprehensive evaluation of the program and submit a report on the
34 results of the evaluation to the joint standing committees of the
35 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
36 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Not
37 later than thirty days after the date of receipt of such [plan] report, said
38 joint standing committees of the General Assembly shall hold a joint
39 public hearing to review such [plan] report. [Said joint standing
40 committees of the General Assembly may advise the commissioner of
41 their approval or denial or modifications, if any, of the plan. Primary
42 care providers participating in the primary care case management
43 system shall provide program beneficiaries with primary care medical
44 services and arrange for specialty care as needed. For purposes of this
45 section, "primary care case management" means a system of care in
46 which the health care services for program beneficiaries are
47 coordinated by a primary care provider chosen by or assigned to the
48 beneficiary. The Commissioner of Social Services shall begin

49 enrollment for the primary care case management system not later
50 than April 1, 2008.]

51 (d) The Commissioner of Social Services may, within existing
52 budgetary resources, secure administrative support services for the
53 optional primary care case management program, except the
54 commissioner shall not enter into a contract for the provision of such
55 services with a provider of comprehensive health care services as
56 described in subsection (b) of section 17b-266.

57 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1-210 and 1-218,
58 records maintained by primary care case management providers shall
59 not be subject to public disclosure."