



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5291

House of Representatives, April 6, 2010

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHARING OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AS RELATES TO MEDICAID FUNDED SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-451 of the 2010 supplement to the general
2 statutes is amended by adding subsection (w) as follows (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2010*):

4 (NEW) (w) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17b-90,
5 chapter 899 and to the extent permitted by federal law, in order to
6 monitor and improve the quality of targeted case management services
7 provided by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
8 and funded by the Medicaid program, the Commissioner of Mental
9 Health and Addiction Services may enter into a memorandum of
10 understanding with the Commissioner of Social Services that allows
11 for the sharing of information concerning admissions to short-term
12 acute care general hospitals and receipt of inpatient services by clients

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows the sharing of certain information between the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Department of Social Services, and has no fiscal impact.

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Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill allows, to the extent federal law permits, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DHMAS) commissioner to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the social services commissioner to share information about short-term acute care general hospital admissions and inpatient services received by DHMAS clients who (1) live and receive services in the community and (2) receive Medicaid medical benefits. The purpose of the MOU is to monitor and improve the quality of Medicaid-funded targeted case management (TCM) services DHMAS provides.

DMHAS currently provides TCM services to adults with chronic mental illness. These services are covered under the state Medicaid plan and help clients get medical and related care by (1) identifying needed services, (2) finding providers, and (3) monitoring and evaluating delivered services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2010

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/10/2010)

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/18/2010)