



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6437

January Session, 2011

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFORM
TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2012, the
2 Attorney General shall develop a "Uniform Treatment Authorization
3 Form for Mental Health Services". The Attorney General shall develop
4 such form for use by hospitals and medical professionals in this state
5 when obtaining patient authorization and information with respect to
6 mental health services. The Attorney General shall develop such form
7 after consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, the
8 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Insurance
9 Commissioner and a representative of the Connecticut Hospital
10 Association. At a minimum, such form shall meet the standards set
11 forth in state and federal privacy laws, including, but not limited to,
12 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L.
13 104-191 (HIPAA), as from time to time amended, and regulations
14 adopted thereunder. Not later than January 15, 2012, the Attorney
15 General shall submit any proposed legislation that the Attorney
16 General deems necessary to implement the use of such form to the
17 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
18 of matters relating to public health.

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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