



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5481**

LCO No. 1817

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR CERTAIN  
CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITALS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-239 of the 2012 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof. (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

4 (a) The rate to be paid by the state to hospitals receiving  
5 appropriations granted by the General Assembly and to freestanding  
6 chronic disease hospitals, providing services to persons aided or cared  
7 for by the state for routine services furnished to state patients, shall be  
8 based upon reasonable cost to such hospital, or the charge to the  
9 general public for ward services or the lowest charge for semiprivate  
10 services if the hospital has no ward facilities, imposed by such  
11 hospital, whichever is lowest, except to the extent, if any, that the  
12 commissioner determines that a greater amount is appropriate in the  
13 case of hospitals serving a disproportionate share of indigent patients.  
14 Such rate shall be promulgated annually by the Commissioner of  
15 Social Services. Nothing contained in this section shall authorize a  
16 payment by the state for such services to any such hospital in excess of

17 the charges made by such hospital for comparable services to the  
18 general public. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the  
19 rate period beginning July 1, 2000, rates paid to freestanding chronic  
20 disease hospitals and freestanding psychiatric hospitals shall be  
21 increased by three per cent. For the rate period beginning July 1, 2001,  
22 a freestanding chronic disease hospital or freestanding psychiatric  
23 hospital shall receive a rate that is two and one-half per cent more than  
24 the rate it received in the prior fiscal year and such rate shall remain  
25 effective until December 31, 2002. Effective January 1, 2003, a  
26 freestanding chronic disease hospital or freestanding psychiatric  
27 hospital shall receive a rate that is two per cent more than the rate it  
28 received in the prior fiscal year. Notwithstanding the provisions of this  
29 subsection, for the period commencing July 1, 2001, and ending June  
30 30, 2003, the commissioner may pay an additional total of no more  
31 than three hundred thousand dollars annually for services provided to  
32 long-term ventilator patients. For purposes of this subsection, "long-  
33 term ventilator patient" means any patient at a freestanding chronic  
34 disease hospital on a ventilator for a total of sixty days or more in any  
35 consecutive twelve-month period. Effective July 1, 2007, each  
36 freestanding chronic disease hospital shall receive a rate that is four  
37 per cent more than the rate it received in the prior fiscal year. Effective  
38 July 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, each freestanding chronic disease  
39 hospital that receives more than fifty per cent of its patient-service  
40 revenue from the Medicaid program, shall receive an increase in its  
41 rate equal to or greater than the most recent rehabilitation, psychiatric,  
42 long-term care market basket update percentage published in the  
43 Federal Register.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2012	17b-239(a)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To increase state rates to freestanding chronic disease hospitals that receive more than fifty per cent of patient-service revenues from the Medicaid program.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*