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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT OF EMERGENCY ROOM
PHYSICIANS FOR TREATMENT OF MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) 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2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in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 (d) The state shall also pay to such hospitals for each outpatient
5 clinic and emergency room visit a reasonable rate to be established
6 annually by the commissioner for each hospital, such rate to be
7 determined by the reasonable cost of such services. The Commissioner
8 of Social Services shall set and provide a separate and distinct rate to
9 an emergency room physician who (1) provides professional services
10 to a Medicaid beneficiary in the emergency room of a hospital, and (2)
11 does not receive a salary or subsidy to provide such services in the
12 hospital. The emergency room visit rates in effect June 30, 1991, shall
13 remain in effect through June 30, 1993, except those which would have
14 been decreased effective July 1, 1991, or July 1, 1992, shall be
15 decreased. Nothing contained herein shall authorize a payment by the
16 state for such services to any hospital in excess of the charges made by

17 such hospital for comparable services to the general public. For those
18 outpatient hospital services paid on the basis of a ratio of cost to
19 charges, the ratios in effect June 30, 1991, shall be reduced effective
20 July 1, 1991, by the most recent annual increase in the consumer price
21 index for medical care. For those outpatient hospital services paid on
22 the basis of a ratio of cost to charges, the ratios computed to be
23 effective July 1, 1994, shall be reduced by the most recent annual
24 increase in the consumer price index for medical care. The emergency
25 room visit rates in effect June 30, 1994, shall remain in effect through
26 December 31, 1994. The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish
27 a fee schedule for outpatient hospital services to be effective on and
28 after January 1, 1995, and may annually modify such fee schedule if
29 such modification is needed to ensure that the conversion to an
30 administrative services organization is cost neutral to hospitals in the
31 aggregate and ensures patient access. Utilization shall not be a factor in
32 determining cost neutrality. Except with respect to the rate periods
33 beginning July 1, 1999, and July 1, 2000, such fee schedule shall be
34 adjusted annually beginning July 1, 1996, to reflect necessary increases
35 in the cost of services. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
36 subsection, the fee schedule for the rate period beginning July 1, 2000,
37 shall be increased by ten and one-half per cent, effective June 1, 2001.
38 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, outpatient rates in
39 effect as of June 30, 2003, shall remain in effect through June 30, 2005.
40 Effective July 1, 2006, subject to available appropriations, the
41 commissioner shall increase outpatient service fees for services that
42 may include clinic, emergency room, magnetic resonance imaging, and
43 computerized axial tomography.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To provide payment to physicians who treat Medicaid recipients in emergency rooms but do not receive a salary or subsidy for those services.

[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.]