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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 236

File No. 121

Cal. No. 122

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 17b-239 of the 2012 supplement to the general
4 statutes is amended by adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2012*):

6 (NEW) (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an
7 emergency room physician may enroll separately as a Medicaid
8 provider and qualify for direct reimbursement for professional services
9 provided in the emergency room of a hospital, including services
10 provided on the same day the beneficiary is admitted to the hospital,
11 provided such physician is not compensated by the hospital, either
12 through a salary or a percentage of fees, to provide such services in the

13 hospital. The rate paid by the commissioner for the emergency room
 14 physician's professional services shall be paid separately from the rate
 15 paid to such hospital for the emergency room visit. The Commissioner
 16 of Social Services shall adjust the hospital inpatient rate and urgent
 17 visit rate to exclude the cost of such professional services when the
 18 services are reimbursed separately in accordance with this subsection.
 19 The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter
 20 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection regarding
 21 emergency room physician compensation and to ensure such
 22 compensation does not result in any additional cost to the state. The
 23 Department of Social Services may implement policies and procedures
 24 necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection regarding
 25 emergency room physician compensation while in the process of
 26 adopting such policies and procedures as a regulation, provided the
 27 department publishes a notice of the intent to adopt the regulation in
 28 the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days after
 29 implementing such policies and procedures. Such policies and
 30 procedures shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted."

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