



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6608**

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF CARE.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioners of Public  
2 Health and Social Services, in coordination with the Behavioral Health  
3 Partnership Oversight Council, shall, in consultation with the  
4 Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and  
5 Families and Education, conduct an assessment of what is needed to  
6 develop an integrated system of care for (1) children, and (2) young  
7 adults eighteen to twenty-six years of age.

8 (b) For purposes of this subsection, a "person-centered medical  
9 home" means a health care practice or team that offers an integrated  
10 system of care to any one patient by providers who work in tandem to  
11 address a range of health care needs. The integrated health care system  
12 needs assessment shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) A  
13 survey of physicians and mental health professionals who serve  
14 children and young adults regarding (A) projected care needs in the  
15 next five fiscal years, (B) current gaps in services, (C) barriers to care,  
16 and (D) recommendations for better integrating health care services;  
17 (2) an inventory of existing behavioral and psychiatric health services  
18 for (A) children, and (B) young adults eighteen to twenty-six years of  
19 age, compared to the projected need for such services in the next five  
20 fiscal years; (3) an analysis of the success of a person-centered medical

21 home initiative established by the Department of Social Services; and  
22 (4) recommendations concerning the expansion of the person-centered  
23 medical home initiative to the private sector via private insurer  
24 payment reforms.

25 (c) In order to carry out their duties under this section, said  
26 commissioners and the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight  
27 Council may raise funds, apply for and accept any public or private  
28 grant money, accept contributions, enter into contracts and, within  
29 available resources, hire any necessary consultants. The commissioners  
30 and the council shall seek any funding or support available pursuant  
31 to the Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to  
32 time.

33 (d) Not later than July 1, 2014, the Commissioners of Social Services  
34 and Public Health shall report, in accordance with the provisions of  
35 section 11-4a of the general statutes, their findings and  
36 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General  
37 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services,  
38 insurance and public health concerning the needs assessment and  
39 recommendations to establish an integrated system of care.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

Subdivisions were added in section 1(a) and subparagraphs were added in section 1(b)(2) for clarity.

**HS**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*