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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 14-206—SB 321**  
*Human Services Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COST SAVINGS**

**SUMMARY:** This act adds six members to the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight, one each appointed by the six legislative leaders. These members must work solely on a new standing subcommittee of the council the act creates. The subcommittee must study and make annual recommendations to the council on evidence-based best practices concerning Medicaid cost savings. The subcommittee must choose its chairpersons from among its members and must file its first report with the council by January 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS SERVING ON SUBCOMMITTEE**

The act adds the following members to the council:

1. a member of the Connecticut Hospital Association, appointed by the House speaker;
2. a representative of the business community with experience in cost efficiency management, appointed by the Senate president pro tempore;
3. a representative of the for-profit nursing home industry, appointed by the House majority leader;
4. a physician who serves Medicaid clients, appointed by the Senate majority leader;
5. a representative of the not-for-profit nursing home industry, appointed by the House minority leader; and
6. a representative of the business community with experience in cost efficiency management, appointed by the Senate minority leader.

**BACKGROUND**

*Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council*

The council advises the social services commissioner on the planning and implementation of the HUSKY A and B and Medicaid programs. It monitors Medicaid care management initiatives. It also makes recommendations in a wide range of areas, such as the enrollment process, the sufficiency of Medicaid provider rates, and the benefits package for each of the affected programs.

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