



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6717

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE AGING AND DISABILITY
RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-316a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (a) The Commissioner on Aging shall develop and administer a
4 [Community Choices] program to provide a single, coordinated
5 system of information and access for individuals seeking long-term
6 support, including in-home, community-based and institutional
7 services. The [Community Choices] program shall be the state Aging
8 and Disability Resource Center Program in accordance with the federal
9 Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006, P.L. 109-365 and shall be
10 administered as part of the Department on Aging's CHOICES program
11 in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 17a-314.
12 Consumers served by the [Community Choices] program shall
13 include, but not be limited to, those sixty years of age or older and
14 those eighteen years of age or older with disabilities and caregivers.

15 (b) The [Community Choices] program shall, within available
16 resources, provide (1) information, referral and assistance concerning
17 aging and disability issues and long-term care planning; (2)
18 comprehensive assessments to identify possible consumer needs or

19 desires; (3) counseling for purposes of obtaining (A) employment or
20 employment-related services, (B) screening for public benefits and
21 private resources, and (C) information on long-term care planning; (4)
22 follow-up to ensure consumer referrals were appropriate and to offer
23 additional assistance and individual advocacy if needed; (5) support to
24 consumers making decisions about current and future supports and
25 services; (6) coordination of transitions between providers or sites of
26 care; (7) preparation and distribution of written materials regarding
27 the availability of [Community Choices] program services; (8)
28 maintenance of a toll-free telephone number; (9) assistance in
29 improving and managing the program, monitoring quality and
30 measuring responsiveness of systems of care; (10) assistance as
31 necessary to conform to federal and other grant requirements; and (11)
32 other related services.

33 (c) The commissioner shall establish program requirements and
34 procedures for entering into agreements to operate the [Community
35 Choices] program. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in
36 accordance with chapter 54, as necessary to implement the provisions
37 of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	17a-316a

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a), "CHOICES program in accordance with section 17a-314" was changed to "CHOICES program in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 17a-314" for accuracy and clarity.

AGE *Joint Favorable Subst.*