

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 6960**

LCO No. 5701

**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN BY  
HOSPITAL RESIDENT PHYSICIANS AND INTERNS AND THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD  
STANDARDS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-239 of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (j) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (j) Not later than October 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Social  
4 Services shall adjust the Medicaid claims approval process for services  
5 ordered, prescribed or referred by hospital interns and resident  
6 physicians so that such process is consistent with the standards of  
7 Medicare and other payors. To the extent permissible under federal  
8 law, the commissioner shall not require that a hospital intern or  
9 resident physician individually enroll as a Medicaid provider or be  
10 identified individually on any order, prescription or referral related to  
11 a Medicaid claim that contains the identification number of an  
12 attending physician.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 17b-34 of the general statutes is  
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
15 *1, 2015*):

16 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, in accordance with  
17 Section 4201 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,  
18 P.L. 111-5, develop and implement a Medicaid health information  
19 technology plan and shall establish a Medicaid electronic health record  
20 incentive program to provide incentives for hospitals and other health  
21 care providers which adopt and meaningfully use electronic health  
22 records to improve patient health and the quality and efficiency of  
23 health care service delivery. Eligible hospitals and health care  
24 providers that participate in the program shall not be subject to data  
25 transmission testing standards for public health reporting that exceed  
26 standards recommended by the federal Centers for Medicare and  
27 Medicaid Services.To the extent permissible under federal law, the  
28 commissioner shall only require one test of a given certified electronic  
29 health record technology if multiple health care providers are using  
30 the same certified electronic health record technology in a shared  
31 physical setting.

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-239
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	17b-34(b)