



Connecticut Department of Public Health

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Senate Bill #217 - An Act Concerning the Study of the Provision of Community-Based Health Care Services

The Department of Public Health (DPH) appreciates the opportunity to provide the following information regarding Senate Bill #217. Section 359 of Public Act 15-5 mandates the Department of Social Services and DPH to study the effectiveness of emergency medical services personnel to provide community-based health care services in the state. The Departments are expected to provide a final report of their findings to the Human Services and Public Health Committees by December 1, 2016. This proposal will add further mandates to the study of community-based services provided by emergency medical services (EMS) personnel.

The Department cannot accomplish these additional mandates within available resources. Additionally, such studies are not within the core services of the Department of Public Health. As Governor Malloy stated in his 2016 State of the State Address, we must reset our expectations of what we can afford in light of the new economic reality facing Connecticut. Because an unbudgeted fiscal impact would result from adding requirements to the study, the Department cannot support this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's view of this proposal.

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