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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DIABETES PREVENTION AND SELF-MANAGEMENT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Social Services shall, in accordance with section 17b-8 of the general
3 statutes, seek federal approval for a Medicaid waiver under Section
4 1115 of the Social Security Act for a five-year community-based
5 education program to help prevent type 2 diabetes. The commissioner
6 shall apply for such waiver not later than sixty days after the effective
7 date of this section.

8 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services may contract with a
9 nonprofit community-based human services provider to manage and
10 deliver the community-based education program to help prevent type
11 2 diabetes. Such program shall include, but not be limited to,
12 information on (1) dietary changes that may help prevent type 2
13 diabetes, (2) weight management techniques, and (3) the importance of
14 scheduling regular health checkups with a medical provider.

15 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall consult with the

16 Commissioner of Public Health to coordinate services provided under
17 the federal Medicaid waiver program authorized pursuant to this
18 section with the services provided under the state's Diabetes
19 Prevention and Control Program.

20 (d) The commissioner shall annually report, in accordance with the
21 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
22 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
23 relating to human services and public health on (1) the number of
24 persons enrolled in the community-based education program, and (2)
25 improved health outcomes, if any, of such persons as measured by
26 weight and blood glucose management. For purposes of this section,
27 "type 2 diabetes" means a type of diabetes mellitus that affects mainly
28 adults and is characterized by insulin resistance or desensitization and
29 increased blood glucose levels.

30 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) The Commissioner of Social
31 Services shall seek federal approval for a Medicaid state plan
32 amendment to provide Medicaid reimbursement for diabetes self-
33 management training. The commissioner shall submit an application
34 for the Medicaid state plan amendment in accordance with section
35 17b-8 of the general statutes not later than September 1, 2016. For
36 purposes of this section, "diabetes self-management training" means
37 outpatient instruction provided pursuant to a physician-approved
38 plan of care to a Medicaid recipient diagnosed as having diabetes that
39 may include, but need not be limited to, information on dietary and
40 lifestyle practices to minimize the risks of diabetes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section

HS *Joint Favorable C/R* **APP**