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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioners of  
2 Developmental Services and Social Services and the Secretary of the  
3 Office of Policy and Management shall develop and implement, within  
4 available appropriations, a continuum of services for persons with  
5 intellectual disabilities. The partnership shall be known as the  
6 Intellectual Disabilities Partnership. The Intellectual Disabilities  
7 Partnership shall seek to increase access to quality services for persons  
8 with intellectual disabilities by: (1) Expanding individualized and  
9 community-based services; (2) maximizing federal revenue to fund  
10 services for persons with intellectual disabilities; (3) converting grant-  
11 funded services to rate-based, fee-for-service payment systems where  
12 possible; (4) exploring the feasibility of services management by an  
13 administrative services or managed care organization; (5) exploring  
14 opportunities for private and other third-party payments; (6)  
15 developing models to support persons with intellectual disabilities in  
16 supportive housing; (7) reducing unnecessary use of institutional and  
17 residential services; (8) improving administrative oversight and  
18 efficiencies; (9) monitoring individual outcomes, provider performance  
19 and overall program performance; and (10) identifying strategies to  
20 make resources available to address the waiting list for residential

21 services in the Department of Developmental Services.

22 Sec. 2. Section 17a-227 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
23 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

24 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall operate within this state a  
25 community living arrangement or community companion home which  
26 it owns, leases or rents for the lodging, care or treatment of persons  
27 with intellectual disability, Prader-Willi syndrome or autism spectrum  
28 disorder unless such person, firm or corporation, upon written  
29 application, verified by oath, has obtained a license issued by the  
30 Department of Developmental Services.

31 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
32 the provisions of chapter 54, to insure the comfort, safety, adequate  
33 medical care and treatment of such persons at the residential facilities  
34 described in subsection (a) of this section. Such regulations shall  
35 include requirements that: (1) All residential facility staff be certified in  
36 cardiopulmonary resuscitation in a manner and time frame prescribed  
37 by the commissioner; (2) records of staffing schedules and actual staff  
38 hours worked, by residential facility, be available for inspection by the  
39 department upon advance notice; (3) each residential facility develop  
40 and implement emergency plans and staff training to address  
41 emergencies that may pose a threat to the health and safety of the  
42 residents of the facility; (4) department staff verify during quality  
43 service reviews and licensing inspections, that (A) staff is adequately  
44 trained to respond in an emergency, and (B) a summary of information  
45 on each resident is available to emergency medical personnel for use in  
46 an emergency; (5) all residential facilities serving persons with Down  
47 syndrome fifty years of age or older have at least one staff member  
48 trained in Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms and care; and  
49 (6) not less than one-half of the quality service reviews, licensing  
50 inspections or facility visits conducted by the department after initial  
51 licensure are unannounced.

52 (c) After receiving an application and making such investigation as

53 is deemed necessary and after finding the specified requirements to  
54 have been fulfilled, the department shall grant a license to such  
55 applicant to operate a facility of the character described in such  
56 application, which license shall specify the name of the person to have  
57 charge and the location of each facility operated under the license. Any  
58 person, firm or corporation aggrieved by any requirement of the  
59 regulations or by the refusal to grant any license may request an  
60 administrative hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.  
61 If the licensee of any such facility desires to place in charge thereof a  
62 person other than the one specified in the license, application shall be  
63 made to the Department of Developmental Services, in the same  
64 manner as provided for the original application, for permission to  
65 make such change. Such application shall be acted upon not later than  
66 ten calendar days from the date of the filing of the application. Each  
67 such license shall be renewed annually upon such terms as may be  
68 established by regulations and may be revoked by the department  
69 upon proof that the facility for which such license was issued is being  
70 improperly operated, or for the violation of any of the provisions of  
71 this section or of the regulations adopted pursuant to this section,  
72 provided the licensee shall first be given a reasonable opportunity to  
73 be heard in reference to such proposed revocation. Any person, firm or  
74 corporation aggrieved by such revocation may request an  
75 administrative hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.  
76 Each person, firm or corporation, upon filing an application under the  
77 provisions of this section for a license for a community living  
78 arrangement, shall pay to the State Treasurer the sum of fifty dollars.

79 (d) The Department of Developmental Services may contract, within  
80 available appropriations, with any qualified provider for the operation  
81 of a community-based residential facility, provided the qualified  
82 provider is licensed by the department to operate such facilities. The  
83 department shall include in all contracts with such licensed qualified  
84 providers, provisions requiring the department to (1) conduct periodic  
85 reviews of contract performance, and (2) take progressive enforcement  
86 actions if the department finds poor performance or noncompliance

87 with the contract, as follows: (A) The licensed qualified provider may  
88 be placed on a strict schedule of monitoring and oversight by the  
89 department; (B) the licensed qualified provider may be placed on a  
90 partial-year contract; and (C) payments due under the contract may be  
91 reduced by specific amounts on a monthly basis until the licensed  
92 qualified provider complies with the contract. If compliance cannot be  
93 achieved, the department shall terminate the contract.

94 (e) The Commissioner of Developmental Services and the  
95 Commissioner of Social Services shall approve any change in  
96 ownership of any licensed community living arrangement operated by  
97 a private provider of services under the Department of Developmental  
98 Services before such change in ownership takes place. Change in  
99 ownership includes, but is not limited to, a sale to a new provider, a  
100 transfer of ownership or any other manner in which a licensed  
101 community living arrangement is divested from one provider to  
102 another. The value of the property upon the change in ownership shall  
103 equal the fair rental value at the date of such transfer for the remaining  
104 years of useful life.

105 (f) If a property licensed as a community living arrangement  
106 operated by a private provider of services under the Department of  
107 Developmental Services is sold and the residents are transitioned to  
108 another provider in a different property, the original provider shall  
109 have an adjustment on a future development of a community living  
110 arrangement for the amount that represents the residual value of the  
111 original property at the date of the sale.

112 [(e)] (g) The department may contract with any person, firm or  
113 corporation to provide residential support services for persons with  
114 intellectual disability, Prader-Willi syndrome or autism spectrum  
115 disorder who reside in settings which are not licensed by the  
116 department. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
117 with the provisions of chapter 54, to ensure the safety, adequate  
118 supervision and support of persons receiving such residential support  
119 services.

120     ~~[(f)]~~ (h) Any person, firm or corporation who operates any facility  
121 contrary to the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than  
122 one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months or both.  
123 Any person, firm or corporation who operates any facility contrary to  
124 the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall  
125 be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

126     Sec. 3. Section 17a-215 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
127 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

128     The Department of ~~[Developmental]~~ Social Services shall serve as  
129 the lead agency to coordinate, where possible, the functions of the  
130 several state agencies which have responsibility for providing services  
131 to persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

132     Sec. 4. Section 17a-215c of the 2016 supplement to the general  
133 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
134 (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

135     (a) There is established a Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder  
136 Services within the Department of ~~[Developmental]~~ Social Services.

137     (b) The Department of ~~[Developmental]~~ Social Services ~~[shall]~~ may  
138 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to define the term  
139 "autism spectrum disorder", establish eligibility standards and criteria  
140 for the receipt of services by any resident of the state diagnosed with  
141 autism spectrum disorder, regardless of age, and data collection,  
142 maintenance and reporting processes. The ~~[commissioner]~~  
143 Commissioner of Social Services may implement policies and  
144 procedures necessary to administer the provisions of this section prior  
145 to adoption of such regulations, provided the commissioner shall  
146 publish notice of intent to adopt such regulations not later than twenty  
147 days after implementation of such policies and procedures. Any such  
148 policies and procedures shall be valid until such regulations are  
149 adopted.

150     (c) The Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services may, within

151 available appropriations, research, design and implement the delivery  
152 of appropriate and necessary services and programs for all residents of  
153 the state with autism spectrum disorder. Such services and programs  
154 may include the creation of: (1) Autism-specific early intervention  
155 services for any child under the age of three diagnosed with autism  
156 spectrum disorder; (2) education, recreation, habilitation, vocational  
157 and transition services for individuals age three to twenty-one,  
158 inclusive, diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; (3) services for  
159 adults over the age of twenty-one diagnosed with autism spectrum  
160 disorder; and (4) related autism spectrum disorder services deemed  
161 necessary by the Commissioner of [Developmental] Social Services.

162 (d) The Department of [Developmental] Social Services shall serve  
163 as the lead state agency for the purpose of the federal Combating  
164 Autism Act, P.L. 109-416, as amended from time to time, and for  
165 applying for and receiving funds and performing any related  
166 responsibilities concerning autism spectrum disorder which are  
167 authorized pursuant to any state or federal law.

168 (e) [On or before February 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, the] The  
169 Department of [Developmental] Social Services may make  
170 recommendations to the Governor and the joint standing committee of  
171 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to [public  
172 health] human services concerning legislation and funding required to  
173 provide necessary services to persons diagnosed with autism spectrum  
174 disorder.

175 (f) The Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services shall  
176 research and locate possible funding streams for the continued  
177 development and implementation of services for persons diagnosed  
178 with autism spectrum disorder but not with intellectual disability. The  
179 division shall take all necessary action [, in coordination with the  
180 Department of Social Services,] to secure Medicaid reimbursement for  
181 home and community-based individualized support services for adults  
182 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder but not with intellectual  
183 disability. Such action may include applying for a Medicaid waiver

184 pursuant to Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, as amended from  
185 time to time, in order to secure the funding for such services.

186 (g) The Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services shall, within  
187 available appropriations: (1) Design and implement a training  
188 initiative that shall include training to develop a workforce; and (2)  
189 develop a curriculum specific to autism spectrum disorder in  
190 coordination with the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

191 (h) The case records of the Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder  
192 Services maintained by the division for any purpose authorized  
193 pursuant to subsections (b) to (g), inclusive, of this section shall be  
194 subject to the same confidentiality requirements, under state and  
195 federal law, that govern all client records maintained by the  
196 Department of [Developmental] Social Services.

197 (i) The Commissioner of Social Services [, in consultation with the  
198 Commissioner of Developmental Services,] may seek approval of an  
199 amendment to the state Medicaid plan or a waiver from federal law,  
200 whichever is sufficient and most expeditious, to establish and  
201 implement a Medicaid-financed home and community-based program  
202 to provide community-based services and, if necessary, housing  
203 assistance, to adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder but not  
204 with intellectual disability.

205 (j) On or before January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the  
206 Commissioner of Social Services, [in consultation with the  
207 Commissioner of Developmental Services, and] in accordance with the  
208 provisions of section 11-4a, shall submit a report to the joint standing  
209 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
210 relating to [public health] human services, on the status of any  
211 amendment to the state Medicaid plan or waiver from federal law as  
212 described in subsection (i) of this section and on the establishment and  
213 implementation of the program authorized pursuant to subsection (i)  
214 of this section.

215 (k) The Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council, established  
216 pursuant to section 17a-215d, as amended by this act, shall advise the  
217 Commissioner of [Developmental] Social Services on all matters  
218 relating to autism.

219 (l) The Commissioner of [Developmental] Social Services, in  
220 consultation with the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council,  
221 shall designate services and interventions that demonstrate, in  
222 accordance with medically established and research-based best  
223 practices, empirical effectiveness for the treatment of autism spectrum  
224 disorder. The commissioner shall update such designations  
225 periodically and whenever the commissioner deems it necessary to  
226 conform to changes generally recognized by the relevant medical  
227 community in evidence-based practices or research.

228 Sec. 5. Section 17a-215d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
229 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

230 (a) There is established the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory  
231 Council. The council shall consist of the following members: (1) The  
232 Commissioner of [Developmental] Social Services, or the  
233 commissioner's designee; (2) the Commissioner of Children and  
234 Families, or the commissioner's designee; (3) the Commissioner of  
235 Education, or the commissioner's designee; (4) the Commissioner of  
236 Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the commissioner's designee;  
237 (5) the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee;  
238 (6) the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, or the commissioner's  
239 designee; (7) the Commissioner of [Social] Developmental Services, or  
240 the commissioner's designee; (8) the Commissioner of the Office of  
241 Early Childhood, or the commissioner's designee; (9) the Secretary of  
242 the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee; [(9)]  
243 (10) the executive director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for  
244 Persons with Disabilities, or the executive director's designee; [(10)]  
245 (11) two persons with autism spectrum disorder, one each appointed  
246 by the Governor and the speaker of the House of Representatives;  
247 [(11)] (12) two persons who are parents or guardians of a child with

248 autism spectrum disorder, one each appointed by the Governor and  
249 the minority leader of the Senate; [(12)] (13) two persons who are  
250 parents or guardians of an adult with autism spectrum disorder, one  
251 each appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and the  
252 majority leader of the House of Representatives; [(13)] (14) two persons  
253 who are advocates for persons with autism spectrum disorder, one  
254 each appointed by the Governor and the speaker of the House of  
255 Representatives; [(14)] (15) two persons who are licensed professionals  
256 working in the field of autism spectrum disorder, one each appointed  
257 by the Governor and the majority leader of the Senate; [(15)] (16) two  
258 persons who provide services for persons with autism spectrum  
259 disorder, one each appointed by the Governor and the minority leader  
260 of the House of Representatives; [(16)] (17) two persons who shall be  
261 representatives of an institution of higher education in the state with  
262 experience in the field of autism spectrum disorder, one each  
263 appointed by the Governor and the president pro tempore of the  
264 Senate; and [(17)] (18) one person who is a physician who treats or  
265 diagnoses persons with autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the  
266 Governor.

267 (b) The council shall have two chairpersons, one of whom shall be  
268 the Commissioner of [Developmental] Social Services, or the  
269 commissioner's designee, and one of whom shall be elected by the  
270 members of the council. The council shall make rules for the conduct of  
271 its affairs. The council shall meet not less than four times per year and  
272 at such other times as requested by the chairpersons. Council members  
273 shall serve without compensation.

274 (c) The council shall advise the Commissioner of [Developmental]  
275 Social Services concerning: (1) Policies and programs for persons with  
276 autism spectrum disorder; (2) services provided by the Department of  
277 [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism Spectrum  
278 Disorder Services; and (3) implementation of the recommendations  
279 resulting from the autism feasibility study. The council may make  
280 recommendations to the commissioner for policy and program

281 changes to improve support services for persons with autism spectrum  
282 disorder.

283 (d) The Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council shall  
284 terminate on June 30, 2018.

285 Sec. 6. Subdivision (2) of section 17a-247a of the general statutes is  
286 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
287 *1, 2016*):

288 (2) "Authorized agency" means any agency authorized in  
289 accordance with the general statutes to conduct abuse and neglect  
290 investigations and responsible for issuing or carrying out protective  
291 services for persons with intellectual disability or individuals receiving  
292 services or funding from the [department's] Department of Social  
293 Services' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services.

294 Sec. 7. Section 17a-247f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
295 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

296 (a) For purposes of this section "individual who receives services  
297 from the [department's] Department of Social Services' Division of  
298 Autism Spectrum Disorder Services" means an individual eighteen  
299 years of age to sixty years of age, inclusive, who receives funding or  
300 services from the Department of [Developmental] Social Services'  
301 Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services.

302 (b) (1) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services may  
303 investigate any reports alleging abuse or neglect of an individual who  
304 receives services from the [department's] Department of Social  
305 Services' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services. Such  
306 investigation shall include a visit to the residence of the individual  
307 reported to have been abused or neglected and consultation with  
308 persons having knowledge of the facts surrounding such allegation.  
309 All state, local and private agencies shall have a duty to cooperate with  
310 any such investigation, including the release of complete records of  
311 such individual for review, inspection and copying, except where such

312 individual refuses to permit his or her record to be released. All such  
313 records shall be kept confidential by the [department] Department of  
314 Social Services.

315 (2) Upon completion of the investigation of each case, the  
316 [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services shall prepare written  
317 findings that shall include a determination as to whether abuse or  
318 neglect has occurred and recommendations as to whether protective  
319 services are needed. The [commissioner] Commissioner of Social  
320 Services, except in cases where the parent or guardian of the  
321 individual reported to be abused or neglected is the alleged  
322 perpetrator of abuse or neglect or is residing with the alleged  
323 perpetrator, shall notify the parents or guardian, if any, of such  
324 individual if a report of abuse or neglect is made that the department  
325 determines warrants investigation. The [commissioner] Commissioner  
326 of Social Services shall provide the parents or guardians who the  
327 [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services determines are  
328 entitled to such information with further information upon request.  
329 The person making the allegation of abuse or neglect and the Director  
330 of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities  
331 shall be notified of the findings resulting from the investigation, upon  
332 such person's request.

333 (3) Neither the original allegation of abuse or neglect nor the  
334 investigation report of the investigator that includes findings and  
335 recommendations shall be deemed a public record for purposes of  
336 section 1-210. The name of the person making the original allegation  
337 shall not be disclosed to any person unless the person making the  
338 original allegation consents to such disclosure or unless a judicial  
339 proceeding results therefrom.

340 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 17a-270 of the general statutes is  
341 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
342 *1, 2016*):

343 (a) There is established a Council on Developmental Services which

344 shall consist of fifteen members appointed as follows: Eight shall be  
345 appointed by the Governor, for two-year terms, one of whom shall be  
346 a doctor of medicine, one of whom shall be a person with intellectual  
347 disability who is receiving services from the Department of  
348 Developmental Services and at least two of whom shall be a relative or  
349 a guardian of a person with intellectual disability; six shall be  
350 appointed by members of the General Assembly for two-year terms,  
351 one of whom shall be a relative or guardian of a person with  
352 intellectual disability, appointed by the speaker of the House, one of  
353 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House, one of  
354 whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate,  
355 one of whom shall be a person with intellectual disability and autism  
356 spectrum disorder who is receiving, or has received, services from the  
357 [department's Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services]  
358 department appointed by the majority leader of the House, one of  
359 whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, and one  
360 of whom shall be a relative or guardian of a person with intellectual  
361 disability, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and one of  
362 whom shall be a member of the board of trustees of the Southbury  
363 Training School, appointed by said board for a term of one year. No  
364 member of the council may serve more than three consecutive terms,  
365 except that a member may continue to serve until a successor is  
366 appointed. The members of the council shall serve without  
367 compensation except for necessary expenses incurred in performing  
368 their duties. The Commissioner of Developmental Services or the  
369 commissioner's designee shall be an ex-officio member of the Council  
370 on Developmental Services without vote and shall attend its meetings.  
371 No employee of any state agency engaged in the care or training of  
372 persons with intellectual disability shall be eligible for appointment to  
373 the council. The council shall appoint annually, from among its  
374 members, a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary. The council  
375 may make rules for the conduct of its affairs. The council shall meet at  
376 least six times per year and at other times upon the call of the chair or  
377 the written request of any two members.

378 Sec. 9. Section 17b-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
379 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

380 The Department of Social Services is designated as the state agency  
381 for the administration of (1) the Connecticut energy assistance  
382 program pursuant to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of  
383 1981; (2) the state plan for vocational rehabilitation services for the  
384 fiscal year ending June 30, 1994; (3) the refugee assistance program  
385 pursuant to the Refugee Act of 1980; (4) the legalization impact  
386 assistance grant program pursuant to the Immigration Reform and  
387 Control Act of 1986; (5) the temporary assistance for needy families  
388 program pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work  
389 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996; (6) the Medicaid program  
390 pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act; (7) the supplemental  
391 nutrition assistance program pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act  
392 of 2008; (8) the state supplement to the Supplemental Security Income  
393 Program pursuant to the Social Security Act; (9) the state child support  
394 enforcement plan pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act;  
395 [and] (10) the state social services plan for the implementation of the  
396 social services block grants and community services block grants  
397 pursuant to the Social Security Act; and (11) services for persons with  
398 autism spectrum disorder in accordance with sections 17a-215, as  
399 amended by this act, and 17a-215c, as amended by this act.

400 Sec. 10. Subsection (h) of section 26-30 of the general statutes is  
401 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
402 *1, 2016*):

403 (h) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may  
404 issue a group fishing license to any tax-exempt organization qualified  
405 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any  
406 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,  
407 as amended from time to time, for the purpose of conducting a group  
408 fishing event or events for persons: (1) With a service-related or other  
409 disability who receive services at a facility of the United States  
410 Department of Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System, (2)

411 who receive mental health or addiction services from: (A) The  
412 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (B) state-  
413 operated facilities, as defined in section 17a-458, or (C) programs or  
414 facilities funded by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
415 Services, as provided for in sections 17a-468b, 17a-469, 17a-673 and  
416 17a-676, (3) with intellectual disability [or diagnosed with autism  
417 spectrum disorder] who receive services from the Department of  
418 Developmental Services, as provided for in section 17a-217, or from  
419 facilities licensed by the Department of Developmental Services, as  
420 provided for in section 17a-227, as amended by this act, [or] (4)  
421 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder who receive services from  
422 the Department of Social Services, or (5) receiving care from the  
423 Department of Children and Families, as provided for in section 17a-  
424 94, or from programs or child-care facilities licensed pursuant to  
425 section 17a-145 or 17a-147. Any such organization shall conduct not  
426 more than fifty such events, including marine and inland water events,  
427 in any calendar year and each such event shall be limited to not more  
428 than fifty persons. Application for such a group fishing license shall be  
429 submitted once per calendar year on a form prescribed by the  
430 commissioner and with the necessary fee and shall provide such  
431 information as required by the commissioner. All fishing activities  
432 conducted pursuant to such group license shall be supervised by staff  
433 or volunteers of the organization conducting the event or events. Such  
434 staff or volunteers shall possess such group fishing license at the site of  
435 any such event or events. Each such staff member or volunteer shall  
436 have a license to fish. Such organization shall, not later than ten days  
437 after such group fishing event, report to the commissioner, on forms  
438 provided by the commissioner, information on the results of such  
439 event. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, the total:  
440 [(i)] (A) Number of participants, [(ii)] (B) hours fished, [(iii)] (C)  
441 number of each species caught, and [(iv)] (D) number of each species  
442 not released. Such organization shall not charge a fee to any person  
443 that participates in any such group fishing event conducted pursuant  
444 to such group fishing license and any such group fishing event shall  
445 not be used by such organization as a fund raising event.

446 Sec. 11. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 38a-514b of the  
447 2016 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
448 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

449 (4) "Behavioral therapy" means any interactive behavioral therapies  
450 derived from evidence-based research and consistent with the services  
451 and interventions designated by the Commissioner of [Developmental]  
452 Social Services pursuant to subsection (l) of section 17a-215c, as  
453 amended by this act, including, but not limited to, applied behavior  
454 analysis, cognitive behavioral therapy, or other therapies supported by  
455 empirical evidence of the effective treatment of individuals diagnosed  
456 with autism spectrum disorder, that are: (A) Provided to children less  
457 than twenty-one years of age; and (B) provided or supervised by (i) a  
458 behavior analyst who is certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification  
459 Board, (ii) a licensed physician, or (iii) a licensed psychologist. For the  
460 purposes of this subdivision, behavioral therapy is "supervised by"  
461 such behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist  
462 when such supervision entails at least one hour of face-to-face  
463 supervision of the autism spectrum disorder services provider by such  
464 behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist for each  
465 ten hours of behavioral therapy provided by the supervised provider.

466 Sec. 12. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 38a-488b of the  
467 2016 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
468 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

469 (4) "Behavioral therapy" means any interactive behavioral therapies  
470 derived from evidence-based research and consistent with the services  
471 and interventions designated by the Commissioner of [Developmental]  
472 Social Services pursuant to subsection (l) of section 17a-215c, as  
473 amended by this act, including, but not limited to, applied behavior  
474 analysis, cognitive behavioral therapy, or other therapies supported by  
475 empirical evidence of the effective treatment of individuals diagnosed  
476 with autism spectrum disorder, that are: (A) Provided to children less  
477 than twenty-one years of age; and (B) provided or supervised by (i) a  
478 behavior analyst who is certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification

479 Board, (ii) a licensed physician, or (iii) a licensed psychologist. For the  
480 purposes of this subdivision, behavioral therapy is "supervised by"  
481 such behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist  
482 when such supervision entails at least one hour of face-to-face  
483 supervision of the autism spectrum disorder services provider by such  
484 behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist for each  
485 ten hours of behavioral therapy provided by the supervised provider.

486 Sec. 13. Subdivision (11) of section 46a-11a of the general statutes is  
487 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
488 *1, 2016*):

489 (11) "Individual who receives services from the Department of  
490 [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism Spectrum  
491 Disorder Services" means an individual eighteen years of age to sixty  
492 years of age, inclusive, who receives funding or services from the  
493 Department of [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism  
494 Spectrum Disorder Services.

495 Sec. 14. Section 46a-11b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
496 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

497 (a) Any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of  
498 chapter 370, any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this  
499 state, whether or not so licensed, any registered nurse, any person paid  
500 for caring for persons in any facility and any licensed practical nurse,  
501 medical examiner, dental hygienist, dentist, occupational therapist,  
502 optometrist, chiropractor, psychologist, podiatrist, social worker,  
503 school teacher, school principal, school guidance counselor, school  
504 paraprofessional, mental health professional, physician assistant,  
505 licensed or certified substance abuse counselor, licensed marital and  
506 family therapist, speech and language pathologist, clergyman, police  
507 officer, pharmacist, physical therapist, licensed professional counselor  
508 or sexual assault counselor or domestic violence counselor, as defined  
509 in section 52-146k, who has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that  
510 any person with intellectual disability or any individual who receives

511 services from the Department of [Developmental] Social Services'  
512 Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services has been abused or  
513 neglected shall, as soon as practicable but not later than seventy-two  
514 hours after such person has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that  
515 a person with intellectual disability or any individual who receives  
516 services from the Department of [Developmental] Social Services'  
517 Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services has been abused or  
518 neglected, report such information or cause a report to be made in any  
519 reasonable manner to the director or persons the director designates to  
520 receive such reports. Such initial report shall be followed up by a  
521 written report not later than five calendar days after the initial report  
522 was made. Any person required to report under this subsection who  
523 fails to make such report shall be fined not more than five hundred  
524 dollars.

525 (b) Such report shall contain the name and address of the allegedly  
526 abused or neglected person, a statement from the person making the  
527 report indicating his or her belief that such person has intellectual  
528 disability or receives funding or services from the Department of  
529 [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism Spectrum  
530 Disorder Services, information supporting the supposition that such  
531 person is substantially unable to protect himself or herself from abuse  
532 or neglect, information regarding the nature and extent of the abuse or  
533 neglect and any other information that the person making such report  
534 believes might be helpful in an investigation of the case and the  
535 protection of such person with intellectual disability or who receives  
536 funding or services from the Department of [Developmental] Social  
537 Services' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services.

538 (c) Each facility, as defined in section 46a-11a, as amended by this  
539 act, shall inform residents of their rights and the staff of their  
540 responsibility to report abuse or neglect and shall establish appropriate  
541 policies and procedures to facilitate such reporting.

542 (d) Any other person having reasonable cause to believe that a  
543 person with intellectual disability or an individual who receives

544 services from the Department of [Developmental] Social Services'  
545 Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services is being or has been  
546 abused or neglected may report such information, in any reasonable  
547 manner, to the director or to the director's designee.

548 (e) Any person who makes any report pursuant to sections 46a-11a  
549 to 46a-11g, inclusive, as amended by this act, or who testifies in any  
550 administrative or judicial proceeding arising from such report shall be  
551 immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of such report  
552 or testimony, except for liability for perjury, unless such person acted  
553 in bad faith or with malicious purpose. Any person who obstructs,  
554 hinders or endangers any person reporting or investigating abuse or  
555 neglect or providing protective services or who makes a report in bad  
556 faith or with malicious purpose and who is not subject to any other  
557 penalty shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. No resident  
558 or employee of a facility, as defined in section 46a-11a, as amended by  
559 this act, shall be subject to reprisal or discharge because of his actions  
560 in reporting pursuant to sections 46a-11a to 46a-11g, inclusive, as  
561 amended by this act.

562 (f) For purposes of said sections, the treatment of any person with  
563 intellectual disability or any individual who receives services from the  
564 Department of [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism  
565 Spectrum Disorder Services by a Christian Science practitioner, in lieu  
566 of treatment by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts, shall not of  
567 itself constitute grounds for the implementation of protective services.

568 (g) When the director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for  
569 Persons with Disabilities or persons designated by said director are  
570 required to investigate or monitor abuse or neglect reports that are  
571 referred to the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with  
572 Disabilities from another agency, all provisions of this section shall  
573 apply to any investigation or monitoring of such case or report.

574 Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 46a-11c of the general statutes is  
575 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

576 1, 2016):

577 (b) The director, upon receiving a report that an individual who  
578 receives services from the Department of [Developmental] Social  
579 Services' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services, allegedly is  
580 being or has been abused or neglected, shall make an initial  
581 determination whether such individual receives funding or services  
582 from said division, shall determine if the report warrants investigation  
583 and shall cause, in cases that so warrant, a prompt, thorough  
584 evaluation, as described in subsection (b) of section 17a-247f, as  
585 amended by this act, to be made by the Department of  
586 [Developmental] Social Services to determine whether the individual  
587 has been abused or neglected.

588 Sec. 16. Section 17a-215e of the 2016 supplement to the general  
589 statutes is repealed and the following is inserted in lieu thereof  
590 (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

591 Not later than February 1, [2016] 2017, and annually thereafter, the  
592 Commissioner of [Developmental] Social Services shall report, in  
593 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
594 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
595 relating to [public health] human services concerning the activities of  
596 the Department of [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism  
597 Spectrum Disorder Services, established pursuant to section 17a-215c,  
598 as amended by this act, and the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory  
599 Council, established pursuant to section 17a-215d, as amended by this  
600 act. Such report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The number  
601 and ages of persons with autism spectrum disorder who are served by  
602 the Department of [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism  
603 Spectrum Disorder Services and, when practicable to report, the  
604 number and ages of such persons who are served by other state  
605 agencies; (2) the number and ages of persons with autism spectrum  
606 disorder on said division's waiting list for Medicaid waiver services;  
607 (3) the type of Medicaid waiver services currently provided by the  
608 department to persons with autism spectrum disorder; (4) a

609 description of the unmet needs of persons with autism spectrum  
610 disorder on said division's waiting list; (5) the projected estimates for a  
611 five-year period of the costs to the state due to such unmet needs; (6)  
612 measurable outcome data for persons with autism spectrum disorder  
613 who are eligible to receive services from said division, including, but  
614 not limited to, (A) the number of such persons who are enrolled in  
615 postsecondary education, (B) the employment status of such persons,  
616 and (C) a description of such persons' living arrangements; and (7) a  
617 description of new initiatives and proposals for new initiatives that are  
618 under consideration.

619 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Except as otherwise provided  
620 in the general statutes, "autism spectrum disorder" has the same  
621 meaning as is set forth in the most recent edition of the American  
622 Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental  
623 Disorders".

624 Sec. 18. Subsection (e) of section 5-259 of the 2016 supplement to the  
625 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
626 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

627 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
628 [(1)] vending stand operators eligible for membership in the state  
629 employees' retirement system pursuant to section 5-175a shall be  
630 eligible for coverage under the group hospitalization and medical and  
631 surgical insurance plans procured under this section, provided the cost  
632 for such operators' insurance coverage shall be paid by the Department  
633 of Rehabilitation Services from vending machine income pursuant to  
634 section 10-303, [, and (2) blind persons employed in workshops,  
635 established pursuant to section 10-298a, on December 31, 2002, shall be  
636 eligible for coverage under the group hospitalization and medical and  
637 surgical insurance plans procured under this section, provided the cost  
638 for such persons' insurance coverage shall be paid by the Department  
639 of Rehabilitation Services.]

640 Sec. 19. Section 17b-131 of the 2016 supplement to the general

641 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
642 (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

643       When a person in any town, or sent from such town to any licensed  
644 institution or state humane institution, dies or is found dead therein  
645 and does not leave sufficient estate or has no legally liable relative able  
646 to pay the cost of a proper funeral and burial, or upon the death of any  
647 beneficiary under the state-administered general assistance program,  
648 the Commissioner of Social Services shall give to such person a proper  
649 funeral and burial, and shall pay a sum not exceeding one thousand  
650 [four] two hundred dollars as an allowance toward the funeral  
651 expenses of such deceased, said sum to be paid, upon submission of a  
652 proper bill, to the funeral director, cemetery or crematory, as the case  
653 may be. Such payment for funeral and burial expenses shall be  
654 reduced by (1) the amount in any revocable or irrevocable funeral  
655 fund, (2) any prepaid funeral contract, (3) the face value of any life  
656 insurance policy owned by the decedent, and (4) contributions in  
657 excess of three thousand two hundred dollars toward such funeral and  
658 burial expenses from all other sources including friends, relatives and  
659 all other persons, organizations, veterans' and other benefit programs  
660 and other agencies.

661       Sec. 20. Section 17b-84 of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes  
662 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
663 *1, 2016*):

664       Upon the death of any beneficiary under the state supplement or the  
665 temporary family assistance program, the Commissioner of Social  
666 Services shall order the payment of a sum not to exceed one thousand  
667 [four] two hundred dollars as an allowance toward the funeral and  
668 burial expenses of such deceased. The payment for funeral and burial  
669 expenses shall be reduced by the amount in any revocable or  
670 irrevocable funeral fund, prepaid funeral contract or the face value of  
671 any life insurance policy owned by the recipient. Contributions may be  
672 made by any person for the cost of the funeral and burial expenses of  
673 the deceased over and above the sum established under this section

674 without thereby diminishing the state's obligation.

675 Sec. 21. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) Notwithstanding the rate-setting  
676 provisions set forth in chapters 319v and 319y of the general statutes,  
677 or regulations adopted thereunder, the state rates of payments in effect  
678 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, for residential care homes,  
679 community living arrangements and community companion homes  
680 that receive the flat rate for residential services, as provided pursuant  
681 to section 17-311-54 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies,  
682 shall remain in effect until June 30, 2017.

683 Sec. 22. Section 17b-239 of the 2016 supplement to the general  
684 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
685 (*Effective from passage*):

686 [(a) (1) Until the time subdivision (2) of this subsection is effective,  
687 the rate to be paid by the state to hospitals receiving appropriations  
688 granted by the General Assembly and to freestanding chronic disease  
689 hospitals providing services to persons aided or cared for by the state  
690 for routine services furnished to state patients, shall be based upon  
691 reasonable cost to such hospital, or the charge to the general public for  
692 ward services or the lowest charge for semiprivate services if the  
693 hospital has no ward facilities, imposed by such hospital, whichever is  
694 lowest, except to the extent, if any, that the commissioner determines  
695 that a greater amount is appropriate in the case of hospitals serving a  
696 disproportionate share of indigent patients. Such rate shall be  
697 promulgated annually by the Commissioner of Social Services within  
698 available appropriations.]

699 [(2) On or after July 1, 2013,] (a) Medicaid rates paid to acute care  
700 hospitals, including children's hospitals, shall be based on diagnosis-  
701 related groups established and periodically rebased by the  
702 Commissioner of Social Services in accordance with 42 USC  
703 1396a(a)(30)(A), provided the Department of Social Services completes  
704 a fiscal analysis of the impact of such rate payment system on each  
705 hospital. The commissioner shall, in accordance with the provisions of

706 section 11-4a, file a report on the results of the fiscal analysis not later  
707 than six months after implementing the rate payment system with the  
708 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
709 of matters relating to human services and appropriations and the  
710 budgets of state agencies. Within available appropriations, the  
711 commissioner shall annually determine in-patient payments for each  
712 hospital by multiplying diagnosis-related group relative weights by a  
713 base rate. Over a period of up to four years beginning on or after  
714 January 1, 2016, within available appropriations and at the discretion  
715 of the commissioner, the Department of Social Services shall transition  
716 hospital-specific, diagnosis-related group base rates to state-wide  
717 diagnosis-related group base rates by peer groups determined by the  
718 commissioner. For the purposes of this subsection, "peer group" means  
719 a group comprised of one of the following categories of acute care  
720 hospitals: Privately operated acute care hospitals, publicly operated  
721 acute care hospitals, or acute care children's hospitals licensed by the  
722 Department of Public Health. At the discretion of the Commissioner of  
723 Social Services, the peer group for privately operated acute care  
724 hospitals may be further subdivided into peer groups for privately  
725 operated acute care hospitals. For inpatient hospital services that the  
726 Commissioner of Social Services determines are not appropriate for  
727 reimbursement based on diagnosis-related groups, the commissioner  
728 shall reimburse for such services using any other methodology that  
729 complies with 42 USC 1396a(a)(30)(A). Within available  
730 appropriations, the commissioner may, in his or her discretion, make  
731 additional payments to hospitals based on criteria to be determined by  
732 the commissioner. Upon the conversion to a hospital payment  
733 methodology based on diagnosis-related groups, the commissioner  
734 shall evaluate payments for all hospital services, including, but not  
735 limited to, a review of pediatric psychiatric inpatient units within  
736 hospitals. The commissioner may, within available appropriations,  
737 implement a pay-for-performance program for pediatric psychiatric  
738 inpatient care. Nothing contained in this section shall authorize  
739 Medicaid payment by the state to any such hospital in excess of the  
740 charges made by such hospital for comparable services to the general

741 public.

742 (b) Effective October 1, 1991, the rate to be paid by the state for the  
743 cost of special services rendered by such hospitals shall be established  
744 annually by the commissioner for each such hospital [based on the  
745 reasonable cost to each hospital of such services furnished to state  
746 patients] pursuant to 42 USC 1396a(a)(30)(A) and within available  
747 appropriations. Nothing contained in this subsection shall authorize a  
748 payment by the state for such services to any such hospital in excess of  
749 the charges made by such hospital for comparable services to the  
750 general public.

751 [(c) The term "reasonable cost" as used in this section means the cost  
752 of care furnished such patients by an efficient and economically  
753 operated facility, computed in accordance with accepted principles of  
754 hospital cost reimbursement. The commissioner may adjust the rate of  
755 payment established under the provisions of this section for the year  
756 during which services are furnished to reflect fluctuations in hospital  
757 costs within available appropriations. Such adjustment may be made  
758 prospectively to cover anticipated fluctuations or may be made  
759 retroactive to any date subsequent to the date of the initial rate  
760 determination for such year or in such other manner as may be  
761 determined by the commissioner. In determining "reasonable cost" the  
762 commissioner may give due consideration to allowances for fully or  
763 partially unpaid bills, reasonable costs mandated by collective  
764 bargaining agreements with certified collective bargaining agents or  
765 other agreements between the employer and employees, provided  
766 "employees" shall not include persons employed as managers or chief  
767 administrators, requirements for working capital and cost of  
768 development of new services, including additions to and replacement  
769 of facilities and equipment. The commissioner shall not give  
770 consideration to amounts paid by the facilities to employees as salary,  
771 or to attorneys or consultants as fees, where the responsibility of the  
772 employees, attorneys or consultants is to persuade or seek to persuade  
773 the other employees of the facility to support or oppose unionization.

774 Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the commissioner from  
775 considering amounts paid for legal counsel related to the negotiation  
776 of collective bargaining agreements, the settlement of grievances or  
777 normal administration of labor relations.]

778 [(d)] (c) (1) Until such time as subdivision (2) of this subsection is  
779 effective, the state shall also pay to such hospitals for each outpatient  
780 clinic and emergency room visit a [reasonable] rate [to be] established  
781 [annually] by the commissioner for each hospital [, such rate to be  
782 determined by the reasonable cost of such services] pursuant to 42  
783 USC 1396a(a)(30)(A) and within available appropriations.

784 (2) On or after July 1, 2013, with the exception of publicly operated  
785 psychiatric hospitals, hospitals shall be paid for outpatient and  
786 emergency room episodes of care based on prospective rates  
787 established by the commissioner within available appropriations and  
788 in accordance with the Medicare Ambulatory Payment Classification  
789 system in conjunction with a state conversion factor, provided the  
790 Department of Social Services completes a fiscal analysis of the impact  
791 of such rate payment system on each hospital. The Commissioner of  
792 Social Services shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,  
793 file a report on the results of the fiscal analysis not later than six  
794 months after implementing the rate payment system with the joint  
795 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
796 matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets  
797 of state agencies. The Medicare Ambulatory Payment Classification  
798 system shall be augmented to provide payment for services not  
799 generally covered under the Medicare Ambulatory Payment  
800 Classification system, including, but not limited to, mammograms,  
801 durable medical equipment, physical, occupational and speech  
802 therapy. Nothing contained in this subsection shall authorize a  
803 payment by the state for such episodes of care to any hospital in excess  
804 of the charges made by such hospital for comparable services to the  
805 general public. Effective upon implementation of the Ambulatory  
806 Payment Classification system, a covered outpatient hospital service

807 that does not have an established Medicare Ambulatory Payment  
808 Classification code shall be paid in accordance with a fee schedule or  
809 an alternative payment methodology, as determined by the  
810 commissioner. Prior to the implementation of the Ambulatory  
811 Payment Classification system, each hospital's charges shall be based  
812 on the charge master in effect as of June 1, 2015. After implementation  
813 of such system, annual increases in each hospital's charge master shall  
814 not exceed, in the aggregate, the annual increase in the Medicare  
815 economic index. The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish a  
816 fee schedule for outpatient hospital services to be effective on and after  
817 January 1, 1995, and may annually modify such fee schedule if such  
818 modification is needed to ensure that the conversion to an  
819 administrative services organization is cost neutral to hospitals in the  
820 aggregate and ensures patient access. Utilization may be a factor in  
821 determining cost neutrality.

822 [(e)] (d) On and after January 1, 2015, and concurrent with the  
823 implementation of the diagnosis-related group methodology of  
824 payment to hospitals, an emergency department physician may enroll  
825 separately as a Medicaid provider and qualify for direct  
826 reimbursement for professional services provided in the emergency  
827 department of a hospital to a Medicaid recipient, including services  
828 provided on the same day the Medicaid recipient is admitted to the  
829 hospital. The commissioner shall pay to any such emergency  
830 department physician the Medicaid rate for physicians in accordance  
831 with the physician fee schedule in effect at that time. If the  
832 commissioner determines that payment to an emergency department  
833 physician pursuant to this subsection results in an additional cost to  
834 the state, the commissioner shall adjust such rate in consultation with  
835 the Connecticut Hospital Association and the Connecticut College of  
836 Emergency Physicians to ensure budget neutrality.

837 [(f)] (e) The commissioner [shall] may adopt regulations, in  
838 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing criteria for  
839 defining emergency and nonemergency visits to hospital emergency

840 rooms. All nonemergency visits to hospital emergency rooms shall be  
841 paid [at the hospital's outpatient clinic services rate] in accordance  
842 with subsection (c) of this section. Nothing contained in this subsection  
843 or the regulations adopted under this section shall authorize a  
844 payment by the state for such services to any hospital in excess of the  
845 charges made by such hospital for comparable services to the general  
846 public. To the extent permitted by federal law, the Commissioner of  
847 Social Services [shall] may impose cost-sharing requirements under the  
848 medical assistance program for nonemergency use of hospital  
849 emergency room services.

850 ~~[(g)] (f)~~ The commissioner shall establish rates to be paid to  
851 freestanding chronic disease hospitals within available appropriations.

852 ~~[(h)] (g)~~ The Commissioner of Social Services may implement  
853 policies and procedures as necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
854 section while in the process of adopting the policies and procedures as  
855 regulations, provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is  
856 published in accordance with the provisions of section 17b-10 not later  
857 than twenty days after the date of implementation.

858 ~~[(i)] (h)~~ In the event the commissioner is unable to implement the  
859 provisions of subsection ~~[(e)] (d)~~ of this section by January 1, 2015, the  
860 commissioner shall submit written notice, not later than thirty-five  
861 days prior to January 1, 2015, to the joint standing committees of the  
862 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
863 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
864 indicating that the department will not be able to implement such  
865 provisions on or before such date. The commissioner shall include in  
866 such notice (1) the reasons why the department will not be able to  
867 implement such provisions by such date, and (2) the date by which the  
868 department will be able to implement such provisions.

869 ~~[(j) The] (i)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, or  
870 regulations adopted thereunder, the Department of Social Services is  
871 not required to increase rates paid, or to set any rates to be paid to, any

872 hospital based on inflation, including, but not limited to, any current  
 873 payments or adjustments that are being made based on dates of service  
 874 in previous years.

875 Sec. 23. Subsection (b) of section 17b-263 of the general statutes is  
 876 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
 877 *passage*):

878 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection [(d)] (c) of section  
 879 17b-239, as amended by this act, the commissioner shall establish a  
 880 service-specific fee schedule for hospital outpatient mental health  
 881 therapy services, except for partial hospitalization and other  
 882 comprehensive services as defined by the commissioner. Payment for  
 883 partial hospitalization services shall be considered payment in full for  
 884 all outpatient mental health services.

885 Sec. 24. Section 17a-484e of the 2016 supplement to the general  
 886 statutes is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2016*)

887 Sec. 25. Section 17b-277b of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 888 *July 1, 2016*)

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>	17a-227
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-215
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-215c
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-215d
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-247a(2)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-247f
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-270(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-2
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	26-30(h)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	38a-514b(a)(4)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	38a-488b(a)(4)
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	46a-11a(11)

Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	46a-11b
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	46a-11c(b)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-215e
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	5-259(e)
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-131
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-84
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	17b-239
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	17b-263(b)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	Repealer section

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