



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 298

LCO No. 1763



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH SERVICES FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section: (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Social
3 Services; (2) "department" means the Department of Social Services;
4 and (3) "telehealth" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-
5 906 of the general statutes.

6 (b) The department shall provide coverage for telehealth services
7 provided to Medicaid recipients. The commissioner shall seek any
8 federal waiver or amend the Medicaid state plan as necessary to secure
9 federal reimbursement for the costs of providing such coverage under
10 the Medicaid program.

11 (c) Not later than January 1, 2018, the commissioner shall report, in
12 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
13 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
14 cognizance of matters relating to human services and public health

15 concerning the telehealth services provided to Medicaid recipients in
16 accordance with the provisions of this section.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Social Services to provide coverage for telehealth services to Medicaid recipients.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]