



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Senate Bill No. 298

File No. 319

Cal. No. 237

"AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH SERVICES FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section: (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Social
5 Services; (2) "department" means the Department of Social Services;
6 and (3) "telehealth" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-
7 906 of the general statutes.

8 (b) The department shall, within available state and federal
9 resources, provide coverage under the Medicaid program for
10 telehealth services for categories of health care services that the
11 commissioner determines are (1) clinically appropriate to be provided
12 by means of telehealth, (2) cost-effective for the state, and (3) likely to
13 expand access to medically necessary services for Medicaid recipients
14 for whom accessing appropriate health care services poses an undue

15 hardship.

16 (c) The commissioner shall seek any federal waiver or amend the
17 Medicaid state plan as necessary to attempt to secure federal
18 reimbursement for the costs of providing such coverage under the
19 Medicaid program. An application for such waiver or proposed
20 amendment to the Medicaid state plan shall be submitted to the joint
21 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
22 matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets
23 of state agencies as required under the provisions of section 17b-8 of
24 the general statutes.

25 (d) Not later than January 1, 2018, the commissioner shall report, in
26 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
27 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
28 cognizance of matters relating to human services and public health
29 concerning the telehealth services provided to Medicaid recipients, if
30 any, in 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