



Substitute House Bill No. 7122

Public Act No. 19-149

AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE DENTAL CLINICS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section, (1) "mobile dental clinic" means preventative or restorative dental services offered by a licensed dentist or dental hygienist from a van or through the use of portable equipment at various locations, and (2) "fixed location" means the permanent office of an associated dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 379 of the general statutes, who contracts with a mobile dental clinic and (A) is enrolled as a Medicaid provider; (B) maintains the diagnostic imaging, tests and charts of patients treated by the mobile dental clinic; (C) accepts and treats patients from the mobile dental clinic; and (D) provides a continuum of dental care.

(b) A mobile dental clinic may submit claims for Medicaid reimbursement to the Department of Social Services for dental treatment of Medicaid beneficiaries that occurred not more than thirty miles from the associated dentist's fixed location, except that a mobile dental clinic located in the counties of New London, Litchfield and Windham may submit claims for Medicaid reimbursement to the Department of Social Services for dental treatment of Medicaid beneficiaries that occurred not more than fifty miles from the dentist's fixed location.

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(c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to implement the provisions of this section. The commissioner may adopt policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this section while in the process of adopting regulations, provided such policies and procedures are published on the eRegulations System before such policies and procedures are implemented.

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