
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 7090

AN ACT CONCERNING AN EQUITABLE MINIMUM METHADONE MAINTENANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATE UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide a minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate for chemical maintenance providers that provide methadone maintenance, which, under the bill, treats addiction to one drug (e.g., heroin) in a weekly program that includes on-and off-site methadone administration, drug testing, and counseling.

In practice, DSS reimburses such providers with a provider-specific weekly methadone maintenance rate. The bill requires the DSS commissioner to amend the Medicaid state plan to supplement the provider-specific rates with a more equitable minimum reimbursement rate applied equally to all providers.

The bill's provisions apply to chemical maintenance providers that are certified and licensed by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the state Department of Public Health and meet all federal and state requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/05/2019)