

# Human Services Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-7122

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE DENTAL CLINICS.

**Vote Date:** 3/7/2019

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/19/2019

**File No.:** 91

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Human Services Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

Proposed Substitute Bill No. 7122 changes the word "provided" to "except" in Section 1(b) and "in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes" was inserted after "regulations" in Section 1(c) for accuracy and consistency with statutory drafting conventions.

Committee Bill No. 7122 looks to improve access to oral health care for people on Husky by allowing mobile dental clinic to submit claims for Medicaid reimbursement for services not more than fifty miles from the fixed dental location associated with the clinic.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

Kathleen Brennan, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Social Services; in opposition to this bill. The Department quotes that as of Feb 8, 2019- 100% of HUSKY Health members have access to a dental clinic within 20 miles of their residence and 98.8% have access to a dental clinic within 10 miles of their residence. They are confident that the current structure meets the needs of HUSKY health members and do not see the benefit of this expansion.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

Deb Polun, Senior Director for Policy & Outreach, Community Health Center Association of CT; supports the bill. The sixteen member federally-qualified health centers support this bill with some language modifications.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

No sources of opposition were submitted on this bill

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