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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING INEQUITABLE METHADONE MAINTENANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section: (1) "Methadone maintenance" means a chemical maintenance
3 program under which an addiction to one drug, including but not
4 limited to heroin, is treated with the drug methadone in a weekly
5 program that includes on and off-site methadone administration, drug
6 testing and counseling; and (2) "chemical maintenance provider"
7 means a provider certified and licensed by the federal Substance
8 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the state
9 Department of Public Health who meets all federal and state
10 requirements, including, but not limited to, requirements specific to
11 the provision of chemical maintenance services.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
13 state plan to supplement provider-specific weekly methadone
14 maintenance reimbursement rates with a more equitable minimum
15 reimbursement rate applied equally to all chemical maintenance

16 providers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to provide equitable weekly reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program for all methadone maintenance programs.

[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.]