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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND  
DISABILITY SERVICES."**

1 In line 1480, bracket "Bureau of Rehabilitative" and after the closing  
2 bracket insert "Department of Rehabilitation" in lieu thereof.

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Section 17b-343 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

7 The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish annually the  
8 maximum allowable rate to be paid by agencies for homemaker  
9 services, chore person services, companion services, respite care, meals  
10 on wheels, adult day care services, case management and assessment  
11 services, transportation, mental health counseling and elderly foster  
12 care. ], except that the maximum allowable rates in effect July 1, 1990,  
13 shall remain in effect during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1992, and

14 June 30, 1993.] The Commissioner of Social Services shall prescribe  
15 uniform forms on which agencies providing such services shall report  
16 their costs for such services. Such rates shall be determined on the  
17 basis of a reasonable payment for necessary services rendered. The  
18 maximum allowable rates established by the Commissioner of Social  
19 Services for the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly  
20 established under section 17b-342 shall constitute the rates required  
21 under this section until revised in accordance with this section. The  
22 Commissioner of Social Services shall establish a fee schedule, to be  
23 effective on and after July 1, 1994, for homemaker services, chore  
24 person services, companion services, respite care, meals on wheels,  
25 adult day care services, case management and assessment services,  
26 transportation, mental health counseling and elderly foster care. The  
27 commissioner may annually increase [any fee in] the fee schedule  
28 based on an increase in the cost of services. The commissioner shall  
29 increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2000, by not less than five per  
30 cent, for adult day care services. The commissioner shall increase the  
31 fee schedule effective July 1, 2011, by four dollars per person, per day  
32 for adult day care services. Effective July 1, 2020, and annually  
33 thereafter, the commissioner may increase the fee schedule for meals  
34 on wheels providers serving participants in the Connecticut home-care  
35 program for the elderly by, at a minimum, the cost-of-living  
36 adjustment as measured by the consumer price index. The  
37 commissioner may increase any fee payable to a meals on wheels  
38 provider upon the application of such provider evidencing  
39 extraordinary costs related to delivery of meals on wheels in sparsely  
40 populated rural regions of the state. Nothing contained in this section  
41 shall authorize a payment by the state to any agency for such services  
42 in excess of the amount charged by such agency for such services to  
43 the general public.

44 Sec. 502. Subsection (c) of section 17a-305 of the general statutes is  
45 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
46 *1, 2019*):

47 (c) The Department of Rehabilitation Services, in consultation with

48 the five area agencies on aging, shall review the method of allocation  
49 set forth in subsection (a) of this section and shall report any findings  
50 or recommendations, as well as data on service levels and costs, to the  
51 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
52 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
53 and human services. Providers of meals under the department's  
54 elderly nutrition program shall annually provide the department with  
55 data on service levels and costs.

56 Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 19a-127l of the general statutes is  
57 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
58 *1, 2019*):

59 (b) In carrying out its responsibilities under subsection (a) of this  
60 section, the department shall develop the following for the quality of  
61 care program:

- 62 (1) Comparable performance measures to be reported;
- 63 (2) Selection of patient satisfaction survey measures and  
64 instruments;
- 65 (3) Methods and format of standardized data collection;
- 66 (4) Format for a public quality performance measurement report;
- 67 (5) Human resources and quality measurements;
- 68 (6) Medical error reduction methods;
- 69 (7) Systems for sharing and implementing universally accepted best  
70 practices;
- 71 (8) Systems for reporting outcome data;
- 72 (9) Systems for continuum of care;
- 73 (10) Recommendations concerning the use of an ISO 9000 quality  
74 auditing program;

75 (11) Recommendations concerning the types of statutory protection  
76 needed prior to collecting any data or information under this section  
77 and sections 19a-127m and 19a-127n; [and]

78 (12) Recommendations concerning the collection and analysis of  
79 data on patient malnutrition for the purposes of improving quality of  
80 care; and

81 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Any other issues that the department deems appropriate."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2019	17b-343
Sec. 502	July 1, 2019	17a-305(c)
Sec. 503	July 1, 2019	19a-1271(b)