OLR Bill Analysis
HB 7072

**AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR ELDERLY NUTRITION SERVICES.**

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner to increase, by 10%, the reimbursement rate for meals-on-wheels providers under the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE). Under the bill, the increased rates are effective July 1, 2019, and based on the fee schedule for the previous year.

Under current law, DSS may implement policies and procedures for reimbursements to home health care and homemaker-health aide providers while in the process of adopting regulations, but DSS must publish notice of its intent to adopt the regulations in the *Connecticut Law Journal*. The bill requires DSS to instead post the notice on its website and the state's eRegulations System.

The bill also makes technical changes by deleting obsolete statutory provisions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2019

**BACKGROUND**

*Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders*

CHCPE is a Medicaid waiver and state-funded program that provides a range of home and community-based services for individuals age 65 and older who are at risk for institutionalization. To be eligible for CHCPE, individuals must be under income and asset limits. The state has the authority to limit enrollment or establish wait lists for CHCPE based on available resources.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee
Joint Favorable
Yea  11  Nay  0  (02/26/2019)