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

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

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 Section 17b-343 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

5 The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish annually the
6 maximum allowable rate to be paid by agencies for homemaker
7 services, chore person services, companion services, respite care, meals
8 on wheels, adult day care services, case management and assessment
9 services, transportation, mental health counseling and elderly foster
10 care. [, except that the maximum allowable rates in effect July 1, 1990,
11 shall remain in effect during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1992, and
12 June 30, 1993.] The Commissioner of Social Services shall prescribe
13 uniform forms on which agencies providing such services shall report
14 their costs for such services. Such rates shall be determined on the

15 basis of a reasonable payment for necessary services rendered. The
16 maximum allowable rates established by the Commissioner of Social
17 Services for the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly
18 established under section 17b-342 shall constitute the rates required
19 under this section until revised in accordance with this section. The
20 Commissioner of Social Services shall establish a fee schedule, to be
21 effective on and after July 1, 1994, for homemaker services, chore
22 person services, companion services, respite care, meals on wheels,
23 adult day care services, case management and assessment services,
24 transportation, mental health counseling and elderly foster care. The
25 commissioner may annually increase [any fee in] the fee schedule
26 based on an increase in the cost of services. The commissioner shall
27 increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2000, by not less than five per
28 cent, for adult day care services. The commissioner shall increase the
29 fee schedule effective July 1, 2011, by four dollars per person, per day
30 for adult day care services. Effective July 1, 2019, and annually
31 thereafter, the commissioner may increase the fee schedule for meals
32 on wheels providers serving participants in the Connecticut home-care
33 program for the elderly by, at a minimum, the cost-of-living
34 adjustment as measured by the consumer price index. The
35 commissioner may increase any fee payable to a meals on wheels
36 provider upon the application of such provider evidencing
37 extraordinary costs related to delivery of meals on wheels in sparsely
38 populated rural regions of the state. Nothing contained in this section
39 shall authorize a payment by the state to any agency for such services
40 in excess of the amount charged by such agency for such services to
41 the general public.

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

45 (c) The Department of Rehabilitation Services, in consultation with
46 the five area agencies on aging, shall review the method of allocation
47 set forth in subsection (a) of this section and shall report any findings
48 or recommendations, as well as data on service levels and costs, to the

49 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
50 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
51 and human services. Providers of meals under the department's
52 elderly nutrition program shall annually provide the department with
53 data on service levels and costs.

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

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

60 (1) Comparable performance measures to be reported;

61 (2) Selection of patient satisfaction survey measures and
62 instruments;

63 (3) Methods and format of standardized data collection;

64 (4) Format for a public quality performance measurement report;

65 (5) Human resources and quality measurements;

66 (6) Medical error reduction methods;

67 (7) Systems for sharing and implementing universally accepted best
68 practices;

69 (8) Systems for reporting outcome data;

70 (9) Systems for continuum of care;

71 (10) Recommendations concerning the use of an ISO 9000 quality
72 auditing program;

73 (11) Recommendations concerning the types of statutory protection
74 needed prior to collecting any data or information under this section

75 and sections 19a-127m and 19a-127n; [and]

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

79 [(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	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	17b-343
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	17a-305(c)
Sec. 503	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	19a-1271(b)