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Raised Bill No. 6518

LCO No. 3826



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CERTIFIED
DIETITIAN-NUTRITIONISTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-28e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
4 state plan to include, on and after January 1, 2009, hospice services as
5 optional services covered under the Medicaid program. Said state plan
6 amendment shall supersede any regulations of Connecticut state
7 agencies concerning such optional services. Hospice services covered
8 under the Medicaid program for individuals who are residents in long-
9 term care facilities shall be paid at a rate that is ninety-five per cent of
10 the facility's per diem rate.

11 (b) Not later than October 1, 2011, the Commissioner of Social
12 Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to include podiatry as an
13 optional service under the Medicaid program.

14 (c) Not later than October 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Social

15 Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to include services
16 provided by the following licensed behavioral health clinicians in
17 independent practice to Medicaid recipients who are twenty-one years
18 of age or older: (1) Psychologists licensed under chapter 383, (2) clinical
19 social workers licensed under subsection (c) or (e) of section 20-195n, (3)
20 alcohol and drug counselors licensed under section 20-74s, (4)
21 professional counselors licensed under sections 20-195cc and 20-195dd,
22 and (5) marital and family therapists licensed under section 20-195c. The
23 commissioner shall include such services as optional services covered
24 under the Medicaid program and provide direct Medicaid
25 reimbursements to such licensed behavioral health clinicians who are
26 enrolled as Medicaid providers and who treat such Medicaid recipients
27 in independent practice settings. [The commissioner may implement
28 policies and procedures necessary to implement this subsection in
29 advance of regulations, provided the commissioner prints notice of
30 intent to adopt the regulations in accordance with section 17b-10 not
31 later than twenty days after the date of implementation of such policies
32 and procedures. Such policies and procedures shall be valid until the
33 time final regulations are adopted.]

34 (d) Not later than October 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Social
35 Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to include a service
36 provided by a dietitian-nutritionist certified pursuant to section 20-206n
37 as an optional service under the Medicaid program.

38 (e) The Commissioner of Social Services may implement policies
39 necessary to implement the provisions of this section while in the
40 process of adopting such policies in regulation form, provided the
41 commissioner posts notice of such policies on the eRegulations System
42 in accordance with section 17b-10. Such policies shall be valid until the
43 time final regulations are adopted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | July 1, 2021 | 17b-28e |
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Statement of Purpose:

To help Medicaid beneficiaries avoid the consequences of malnutrition by authorizing Medicaid coverage for the services of certified dietitian-nutritionists.

[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.]