



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 135**

February Session, 2022

Substitute House Bill No. 5341

*House of Representatives, March 28, 2022*

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. ABERCROMBIE of the 83rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES FOR PROVIDERS OF IN-PATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) The Commissioner of Social Services  
2 shall, (1) on or before October 1, 2022, compare Medicaid payment rates  
3 for providers of in-patient mental health services in eastern Connecticut  
4 to Medicaid payment rates for such providers in other areas of the state,  
5 and (2) on and after January 1, 2023, adjust such rates as necessary,  
6 within available appropriations, to achieve payment parity.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
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**HS** Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill could result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with adjusting Medicaid rates for providers of in-patient mental health services in eastern Connecticut by 1/1/23 to achieve payment parity. The actual impact is dependent on the extent to which Medicaid rates for such services are comparable to those in other areas of the state. DSS is required to compare rates for parity purposes by 10/1/22.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.



**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/17/2022)