



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 282**

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SURGICAL AND  
PRESCRIPTION DRUG TREATMENT OF SEVERE OBESITY.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Body mass index" means the number calculated by dividing an  
3 individual's weight in kilograms by the individual's height in meters  
4 squared;

5 (2) "Severe obesity" means a body mass index that is:

6 (A) Greater than forty; or

7 (B) Thirty-five or more if an individual has been diagnosed with a  
8 comorbid disease or condition, including, but not limited to, a  
9 cardiopulmonary condition, diabetes, hypertension or sleep apnea; and

10 (3) "Medically necessary" has the same meaning as provided in  
11 section 17b-259b of the general statutes.

12 (b) On and after April 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Social Services,  
13 subject to federal approval and compliance with applicable federal  
14 requirements, may provide reimbursement under the Medicaid  
15 program and Children's Health Insurance Program for (1) medically

16 necessary, covered surgical treatment of severe obesity, including, but  
17 not limited to, related hospital services, and (2) medically necessary,  
18 covered outpatient prescription drugs to treat severe obesity.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section

**HS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*