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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PAYMENT RATES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services, within available appropriations, shall increase Medicaid rates
3 of payment for services provided by individual fee-for-service health
4 care providers to the following per cent of the Medicare rates for the
5 same services: (1) Seventy per cent for the fiscal year ending on June 30,
6 2024, (2) seventy-five per cent for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025,
7 (3) eighty-five per cent for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026, (4)
8 ninety-five per cent for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2027, and (5)
9 one hundred per cent for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2028, and
10 each fiscal year thereafter.

11 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) The Commissioner of Social
12 Services shall provide Medicaid reimbursement, to the extent
13 permissible under federal law, for school-based health services,
14 including, but not limited to: (1) Educational services considered
15 psycho-educational and informational, (2) weight-reduction programs
16 or preventative counseling such as nutrition and physical activity

17 counseling, (3) all screenings for social determinants of health,
18 including, but not limited to, suicide risk, depression, anxiety,
19 nutritional needs and screening, brief intervention and referral to
20 treatment for substance use disorders or risk of such disorders, (4)
21 preventative counseling for students who screen positive for mental
22 health needs but are not currently receiving services from a mental
23 health counselor, and (5) dental screenings. For purposes of this
24 subsection, "educational services considered psycho-educational and
25 informational" means sharing of information and support to help a
26 student better understand and cope with a health condition or illness.

27 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
28 state plan if necessary to provide such reimbursement and shall set
29 reimbursement at a level sufficient to ensure an adequate pool of
30 providers for such services.

31 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Social
32 Services shall: (1) Increase the Medicaid rates of payment for emergency
33 medical transportation services and costs by ten per cent for the fiscal
34 year ending on June 30, 2024, and ten per cent for each fiscal year
35 thereafter until such rates are equal to Medicare rates of payment for the
36 same services and costs, and (2) provide annual rate increases thereafter
37 for such services and costs to the same extent Medicare rates are
38 increased for such services and costs. For purposes of this subsection,
39 "services and costs" includes, but is not limited to, advanced life
40 support, basic life support and mileage rates.

41 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
42 state plan if necessary to implement the provisions of subsection (a) of
43 this section.

44 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social Services
45 shall study Medicaid rates of payment for long-term acute care hospitals
46 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation
47 Facilities and providers of methadone maintenance treatment, as
48 defined in section 17b-280c of the general statutes, to determine whether

49 Medicaid rates of payment for services provided by such hospitals and
50 providers are sufficient. Not later than October 1, 2023, the
51 commissioner shall file a report, in accordance with the provisions of
52 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
53 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
54 services on the (1) results of the study, (2) recommendations for any
55 changes in such rates of payment, and (3) cost to the state to provide any
56 recommended increases in such rates.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To increase Medicaid payment rates for services provided by individual, fee-for-service providers and emergency medical transportation providers to Medicare rates for the same services and require a study of Medicaid payment rates for certain long-term acute care hospitals and methadone maintenance providers.

[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.]