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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
6 30, 2024, (2) seventy-five per cent for the fiscal year ending on June 30,
7 2025, (3) eighty-five per cent for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026,
8 (4) ninety-five per cent for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2027, and
9 (5) one hundred per cent for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2028,
10 and 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
33 emergency medical transportation services and costs by ten per cent
34 for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024, and ten per cent for each
35 fiscal year thereafter until such rates are equal to Medicare rates of
36 payment for the same services and costs, and (2) provide annual rate
37 increases thereafter for such services and costs to the same extent
38 Medicare rates are increased for such services and costs. For purposes
39 of this subsection, "services and costs" includes, but is not limited to,
40 advanced life 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
46 hospitals accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for
47 Rehabilitation Facilities and providers of methadone maintenance
48 treatment, as defined in section 17b-280c of the general statutes, to

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

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