



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1077

LCO No. 4429



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE BY PHYSICIANS OF PATIENTS WHO ARE MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 working group to evaluate existing barriers to physicians accepting as a
3 patient a person who is a Medicaid recipient and recommend methods
4 to eliminating such barriers.

5 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

6 (1) A representative of a medical society in the state;

7 (2) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
8 designee;

9 (3) The executive director of the Office of Health Strategy, or the
10 executive director's designee;

11 (4) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
12 designee; and

13 (5) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee.

14 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall schedule the first
15 meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than sixty
16 days after the effective date of this section.

17 (d) The members of the working group shall elect a chairperson from
18 among the members of the working group.

19 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
20 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
21 services shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

22 (f) Not later than January 1, 2024, the working group shall submit a
23 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
24 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
25 relating to human services, insurance and public health, in accordance
26 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working
27 group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January
28 1, 2024, whichever is later.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) A physician licensed pursuant
30 to chapter 370 of the general statutes who in good faith, and without
31 gross negligence or wilful or wanton misconduct, provides health care
32 services to a patient who is a Medicaid recipient shall be immune from
33 civil and criminal liability, and from any action for suspension,
34 revocation or surrender of the physician's professional license, that
35 arises from or relates to the physician's provision of health care services
36 to such patient.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the number of physicians who treat patients who are Medicaid recipients.

[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.]