House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 236

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House Bill No. 6984

House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

The Committee on Aging reported through REP. GARIBAY of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT DAY CENTER TRANSPORTATION.

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

Section 1. Section 17b-343 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish annually the maximum allowable rate to be paid by agencies for homemaker services, chore person services, companion services, respite care, meals on wheels, adult day care services, case management and assessment services, transportation, mental health counseling and elderly foster care. The Commissioner of Social Services shall prescribe uniform forms on which agencies providing such services shall report their costs for such services. Such rates shall be determined on the basis of a reasonable payment for necessary services rendered. The maximum allowable rates established by the Commissioner of Social Services for the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly established under section 17b-342 shall constitute the rates required under this section until revised in accordance with this section. The Commissioner of Social Services shall

establish a fee schedule, to be effective on and after July 1, 1994, for homemaker services, chore person services, companion services, respite care, meals on wheels, adult day care services, case management and assessment services, transportation, mental health counseling and elderly foster care. The commissioner may annually increase the fee schedule based on an increase in the cost of services. The commissioner shall increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2000, by not less than five per cent, for adult day care services. The commissioner shall increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2011, by four dollars per person, per day for adult day care services. The commissioner shall increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2025, for adult day care services by ten per cent over the fee schedule for adult day care services for the previous fiscal year for the purpose of providing increased funding for adult day care transportation. The commissioner shall increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2019, for meals on wheels by ten per cent over the fee schedule for meals on wheels for the previous fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the commissioner may increase the fee schedule for meals on wheels providers serving participants in the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly by, at a minimum, the cost-of-living adjustment as measured by the consumer price index. The commissioner may increase any fee payable to a meals on wheels provider upon the application of such provider evidencing extraordinary costs related to delivery of meals on wheels in sparsely populated rural regions of the state. Nothing contained in this section shall authorize a payment by the state to any agency for such services in excess of the amount charged by such agency for such services to the general public.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2025*	17b-343

AGE *Joint Favorable*

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 26 $	FY 27 $
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	700,000	825,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost of approximately $700,000 in FY 26 and $825,000 in FY 27 to the Department of Social Services (DSS) to reflect increasing the fee schedule for adult day services by ten percent. Based on historical utilization levels, this reflects both the state share of Medicaid costs ($630,000 in FY 26 and $750,000 in FY 27) and costs under the state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program ($70,000 in FY 26 and $75,000 in FY 27). The purpose of the funding is to provide increased support for adult day care transportation.

The Out Years

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

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Social Services commissioner to increase the fee schedule for adult day care services by 10% over the previous fiscal year to cover providers' transportation costs. Existing law allows, but does not require, the commissioner to annually increase the fee schedule based on increases in the cost of services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/06/2025)