



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5233***

LCO No. 1566



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL SERVICES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 4-216 of the 2020 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

4 (c) The secretary shall establish [a pilot] an incentive program for  
5 nonprofit providers of human services that shall (1) allow providers  
6 who otherwise meet contractual requirements to retain [a percentage of]  
7 any savings realized by the providers from the contracted cost for  
8 services, and (2) provide that future contracted amounts from the state  
9 for the same types of services are not reduced solely to reflect savings  
10 achieved in previous contracts by such providers. [The pilot incentive  
11 program shall include eight nonprofit providers of human services with  
12 state contracts of the following amounts: (A) Two with contracts of at  
13 least fifty million dollars, (B) two with contracts of at least twenty  
14 million dollars but less than fifty million dollars, (C) two with contracts  
15 of at least five million dollars but less than twenty million dollars, and

16 (D) two with contracts of less than five million dollars.] For purposes of  
17 this subsection, "nonprofit providers of human services" includes, but is  
18 not limited to, nonprofit providers of services to persons with  
19 intellectual, physical or mental disabilities or autism spectrum disorder.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) The Commissioner of Social  
21 Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to integrate services  
22 provided by peer support specialists into the medical assistance  
23 program and provide Medicaid reimbursement for such services. For  
24 purposes of this section, "peer support services" means a recovery-  
25 focused behavioral health service that allows an individual the  
26 opportunity to learn to manage his or her recovery with help from a peer  
27 support specialist who may have experience recovering from mental  
28 illness or substance use disorder.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	4-216(c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure adequate payment to providers of social services to ensure access to quality care and integrate peer support services for behavioral health into the Medicaid program.

*[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.]*