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LCO No. 2059



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES'
PAYMENT SUSPENSIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-99 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2020*):

4 (c) The Department of Social Services shall distribute to all vendors
5 who are providers in the medical assistance program a copy of the rules,
6 regulations, standards and laws governing the program. The
7 Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt by regulation in [the
8 manner provided for in] accordance with sections 4-166 to 4-176,
9 inclusive, administrative sanctions against public assistance providers,
10 [in the Medicare program or Medicaid program or aid to families with
11 dependent children program or state-funded child care program or
12 state-administered general assistance program or temporary family
13 assistance program or state supplement to the federal Supplemental
14 Security Income Program] including, but not limited to, suspension
15 from the program, for any violations of the rules, regulations, standards

16 or law. The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
17 provisions of chapter 54 to provide for the withholding of payments
18 currently due in order to offset money previously obtained as the result
19 of error or fraud provided payments shall not be withheld unless the
20 provider is given the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to regulations
21 adopted by the commissioner under this section for administrative
22 sanctions. No suspension from the program, including a payment
23 suspension pursuant to federal law, that imposes or increases the
24 amount withheld by the commissioner from payments to a provider
25 shall be imposed until after a decision by a hearing officer. The
26 department shall notify the proper professional society and licensing
27 agency of any violations of this section. For purposes of this subsection,
28 "public assistance" means the following programs: Medicare, Medicaid,
29 state-funded child care, state-administered general assistance,
30 temporary family assistance or the state supplement to the federal
31 Supplemental Security Income program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2020	17b-99(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To give providers of social services due process protections before payment is suspended by the Department of Social Services.

[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.]