



General Assembly

February Session, 2020

**Raised Bill No. 5442**

LCO No. 2376



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT PARITY UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR MIDWIVES AND PODIATRISTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social  
2 Services shall adjust rates of reimbursement under the Medicaid  
3 program so that (1) a nurse-midwife licensed pursuant to chapter 377 of  
4 the general statutes receives the same rate as an obstetrician-  
5 gynecologist licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes for  
6 performing the same medical service or procedure, and (2) a podiatrist  
7 licensed pursuant to chapter 375 of the general statutes receives the  
8 same rate as a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general  
9 statutes for performing the same medical service or procedure. The  
10 commissioner shall seek federal approval to amend the Medicaid state  
11 plan, if necessary, to adjust rates of reimbursement in accordance with  
12 this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish payment parity under the Medicaid program for midwives and podiatrists.

*[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.]*