



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7336**

LCO No. 4902



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT EXPANDING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE  
OPTIONS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-22o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 The Departments of Children and Families, Social Services and  
4 Mental Health and Addiction Services shall submit all proposals for  
5 initial rates, reductions to existing rates and changes in rate  
6 methodology within the Behavioral Health Partnership to the  
7 Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council for review. The  
8 departments shall (1) make every effort to incorporate  
9 recommendations of the council when setting rates, [For the fiscal year  
10 beginning July 1, 2014, the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight  
11 Council, in consultation with the Departments of Children and  
12 Families, Social Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services  
13 shall identify a savings of one million dollars.] (2) ensure rates are  
14 equitable in different regions for the same services, and (3) seek to  
15 reduce costs and expand treatment options by expanding the types of

16 certified or licensed providers that may provide treatment under the  
17 medical assistance program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	17a-22o

***Statement of Purpose:***

To expand access to mental and behavioral health treatment and reduce costs by expanding the types of mental and behavioral health providers who may be reimbursed under 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.]*