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"AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF ACQUISITIONS, JOINT VENTURES AND AFFILIATIONS OF GROUP MEDICAL PRACTICES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2015*) (a) As used in this
4 section, (1) "contracting entity" means a health insurer, health care
5 center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation,
6 fraternal benefit society, preferred provider network or other entity
7 that provides health insurance of the types specified in subdivisions
8 (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes and
9 that contracts with health care providers to provide health care and
10 medical services to insureds or enrollees, and (2) "health care provider"
11 means a person licensed to provide health care services under chapters
12 370 to 373, inclusive, or 375 to 383, inclusive, or chapter 400j of the
13 general statutes.

14 (b) (1) Each contract entered into, renewed, amended or continued

15 on or after January 1, 2015, between a contracting entity and a health
 16 care provider shall include a provision that sets the reimbursement
 17 rate paid to such provider for a covered service at equal to or greater
 18 than the reimbursement rate such contracting entity pays for the same
 19 or similar service to the largest hospital, based on the number of beds,
 20 that is licensed pursuant to chapter 368v of the general statutes and
 21 located in the same county as the principal place of business of such
 22 health care provider.

23 (2) If such contracting entity does not contract with or provide
 24 reimbursement for services at such hospital, the reimbursement rate
 25 paid to the provider shall be equal to or greater than the
 26 reimbursement rate paid for the same or similar service to the hospital
 27 with which such contracting entity has a contract, that is licensed
 28 pursuant to chapter 368v of the general statutes and located nearest the
 29 principal place of business of the health care provider."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	January 1, 2015	New section