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**Raised Bill No. 6960**

LCO No. 4677



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN BY HOSPITAL RESIDENT PHYSICIANS AND INTERNS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD STANDARDS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-239 of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (j) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (j) Not later than October 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Social  
4 Services shall adjust the Medicaid claims approval process for services  
5 ordered, prescribed or referred by hospital interns and resident  
6 physicians so that such process is consistent with the standards of  
7 Medicare and other payors. When validating a claim containing the  
8 identification number of an attending physician, the commissioner  
9 shall not require that a hospital intern or resident physician  
10 individually enroll as a Medicaid provider or be identified  
11 individually on any order, prescription or referral related to such  
12 claim.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 17b-34 of the general statutes is

14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
15 *1, 2015*):

16 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, in accordance with  
17 Section 4201 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,  
18 P.L. 111-5, develop and implement a Medicaid health information  
19 technology plan and shall establish a Medicaid electronic health record  
20 incentive program to provide incentives for hospitals and other health  
21 care providers which adopt and meaningfully use electronic health  
22 records to improve patient health and the quality and efficiency of  
23 health care service delivery. Eligible hospitals and health care  
24 providers that participate in the program shall not be subject to data  
25 transmission testing standards for public health reporting that exceed  
26 standards recommended by the federal Centers for Medicare and  
27 Medicaid Services. If multiple health care providers are using the same  
28 certified electronic health record technology in a shared physical  
29 setting, testing would only have to occur once for a given certified  
30 electronic health record technology.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-239
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	17b-34(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure that state requirements for Medicaid hospital claims processing are consistent with Medicare requirements and that state standards for the electronic health record incentive payment program do not exceed federal standards.

*[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.]*