



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6960

January Session, 2015



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. To the extent permissible under federal
8 law, the commissioner shall not require that a hospital intern or
9 resident physician individually enroll as a Medicaid provider or be
10 identified individually on any order, prescription or referral related to
11 a Medicaid claim in order to process such claim, provided the claim
12 contains the identification number of an attending physician.

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14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*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 other 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. To the extent permissible under federal law, the
 28 commissioner shall only require one test submission of a given
 29 certified electronic health record technology from multiple health care
 30 providers who are using the same certified electronic health record
 31 technology in a shared physical setting.

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 Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, the second sentence was rephrased for clarity, and in Section 2, "health care providers" was changed to "other health care providers" for consistency with the defined term, "one test" was changed to "one test submission", "if" was changed to "from" and "are using" was changed to "who are using" for clarity.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*