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"AN ACT CONCERNING DEADLINES FOR MANDATORY REPORTING OF SUSPECTED ELDER ABUSE AND PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REPORT."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 17b-245b of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

5 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, consistent with federal
6 law, [make changes to the cost-based reimbursement methodology in
7 the Medicaid program for federally qualified health centers. To the
8 extent permitted by federal law, the commissioner may reimburse a
9 federally qualified health center under the Medicaid program for
10 multiple medical, behavioral health or dental services provided to an
11 individual during the course of a calendar day, irrespective of the type
12 of service provided. On or before January 1, 2008, the commissioner
13 shall report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly

14 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets
15 of state agencies and human services on the status of the changes to the
16 cost-based reimbursement methodology.] reimburse federally qualified
17 health centers on an all-inclusive encounter rate per client encounter
18 based on the prospective payment system required by 42 USC
19 1396a(bb). Any patient encounter with more than one health
20 professional for the same type of service and multiple interactions with
21 the same health professional that occur on the same day shall constitute
22 a single encounter for purposes of reimbursement, except when the
23 patient, after the first encounter, suffers illness or injury requiring
24 additional diagnosis and treatment. A federally qualified health center
25 shall be reimbursed in accordance with the requirements prescribed in
26 section 17b-262-1002 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies.

27 (b) A federally qualified health center shall not provide
28 nonemergency periodic dental services on different dates of service for
29 the purpose of billing for separate encounters. Any nonemergency
30 periodic dental service, including, but not limited to, (1) an examination,
31 (2) prophylaxis, and (3) radiographs, including bitewings, complete
32 series and periapical imaging, if warranted, shall be completed in one
33 visit. A second visit to complete any service normally included during
34 the course of a nonemergency periodic dental visit shall not be eligible
35 for reimbursement unless (A) medically necessary, and (B) such medical
36 necessity is clearly documented in the patient's dental record.

37 Sec. 502. Subsection (b) of section 17b-688c of the general statutes is
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
39 *2022*):

40 (b) In no event shall temporary family assistance be granted to an
41 applicant for such assistance, who is not exempt from participation in
42 the employment services program, prior to the applicant's attendance at
43 an initial scheduled employment services assessment interview and
44 participation in the development of an employment services plan. The
45 Department of Social Services shall [not delay temporary family
46 assistance to an applicant in cases where the department schedules]

47 promptly conduct an application interview with an applicant for
48 temporary family assistance to determine whether such applicant is
49 exempt from participation in the employment services program. If the
50 department determines that such applicant is not exempt, the
51 department shall schedule the initial employment services assessment
52 interview not later than ten business days after the date of the
53 application interview. In cases where the department does not schedule
54 the initial employment services assessment interview [more than]
55 within ten business days [after] of the date on which the application [for
56 assistance is made, or in cases where] interview was completed, or
57 where the Labor Department does not complete an employment
58 services plan for the benefit of the applicant within ten business days of
59 the date on which the applicant attends an employment services
60 assessment interview, the Department of Social Services shall not delay
61 granting temporary family assistance to an applicant who is otherwise
62 eligible for such assistance. The Commissioner of Social Services shall
63 refer any applicant denied temporary family assistance, who may be in
64 need of emergency benefits, to other services offered by the Department
65 of Social Services or community services that may be available to such
66 applicant. The Department of Social Services shall reduce the benefits
67 awarded to a family under the temporary family assistance program
68 when a member of the family who is required to participate in the
69 employment services program fails to comply with an employment
70 services requirement without good cause. [The first instance of
71 noncompliance with an employment services requirement shall result
72 in a twenty-five per cent reduction of such benefits for three consecutive
73 months. The second instance of noncompliance with such requirement
74 shall result in a thirty-five per cent reduction of such benefits for three
75 consecutive months. A third or subsequent instance of noncompliance
76 with such requirement shall result in the termination of such benefits
77 for three consecutive months.] The Department of Social Services shall
78 impose this reduction by excluding the noncompliant family member
79 from the household when calculating the family's monthly benefit. Such
80 exclusion shall continue until the noncompliant family member (1)
81 begins to comply with employment services requirements, (2) becomes

82 exempt from such requirements, or (3) demonstrates good cause for his
83 or her failure to comply with such requirements. If only one member of
84 a family is eligible for temporary family assistance and such member
85 fails without good cause to comply with an employment services
86 requirement, the department shall [terminate all benefits of such family
87 for three consecutive months Notwithstanding the provisions of this
88 subsection, the department shall terminate the benefits awarded to a
89 family under the temporary family assistance program if a member of
90 the family who is not exempt from the twenty-one-month time limit
91 specified in subsection (a) of section 17b-112 fails, without good cause,
92 to: (1) Attend any scheduled assessment appointment or interview
93 relating to the establishment of an employment services plan, except
94 that such individual's benefits shall be reinstated if the individual
95 attends a subsequently scheduled appointment or interview within
96 thirty days of the date on which the department has issued notification
97 to the individual that benefits have been terminated, or (2) comply with
98 an employment services requirement during a six-month extension of
99 benefits. Any individual who fails to comply with the provisions of
100 subdivision (1) of this subsection may submit a new application for such
101 benefits at any time after termination of benefits] reduce such family's
102 benefit by twenty-five per cent for each month such member fails to
103 comply."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2022	17b-245b
Sec. 502	July 1, 2022	17b-688c(b)