



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6626

January Session, 2023



AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-428 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Social Services;

5 (2) "PACE program" has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC
6 1395eee, as amended from time to time, and includes a program of all-
7 inclusive care for the elderly;

8 [(2)] (3) "Eligible individual" means "PACE program eligible
9 individual", as defined in [Subtitle I of Public Law 105-33] 42 USC
10 1395eee, as amended from time to time, or in a [waiver application]
11 Medicaid state plan amendment approved by the United States
12 Department of Health and Human Services;

13 [(3) "PACE program" means "PACE program", as defined in Subtitle
14 I of Public Law 105-33, as amended from time to time, and includes a
15 program of all-inclusive care for the elderly;]

16 (4) "PACE program agreement" [means "PACE program

17 agreement", as defined in Subtitle I of Public Law 105-33] has the same
18 meaning as provided in 42 USC 1395eee, as amended from time to
19 time;

20 (5) "PACE provider" [means "PACE provider", as defined in Subtitle
21 I of Public Law 105-33] has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC
22 1395eee, as amended from time to time; and

23 [(6) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the United States Department
24 of Health and Human Services;]

25 [(7)] (6) "State administering agency" [means "state administering
26 agency", as defined in Subtitle I of Public Law 105-33] has the same
27 meaning as provided in 42 USC 1395eee, as amended from time to
28 time.

29 (b) [Not later than July 1, 1998, the commissioner shall establish a
30 pilot program in which PACE providers deliver] The commissioner
31 may submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to add PACE program
32 services, [to eligible individuals in this state pursuant to a PACE
33 program agreement. Under said program, the commissioner, in
34 consultation with the Insurance Commissioner, may initially enter into
35 contracts with integrated service networks which have successfully
36 completed a feasibility study, in conjunction with a PACE technical
37 assistance center, for the provision of PACE program services] within
38 available appropriations, to the Medicaid state plan.

39 (c) The Department of Social Services shall be the state
40 administering agency for the state of Connecticut responsible for
41 administering PACE program [agreements in this state. The
42 department, upon request, shall assist the secretary in establishing
43 procedures for entering into, extending and terminating PACE
44 program agreements for the operation of PACE programs by PACE
45 providers in this state] agreement services. Upon approval of the
46 Medicaid state plan amendment, the department shall establish
47 participation criteria for eligible individuals and PACE providers and

48 make payments for PACE program services from funds appropriated
49 to the Medicaid account.

50 [(d) The commissioner shall provide medical assistance under this
51 section for PACE program services to eligible individuals who are
52 eligible for medical assistance in this state and enrolled in a PACE
53 program under a PACE program agreement. The commissioner shall
54 seek any waiver from federal law necessary to permit federal
55 participation for Medicaid expenditures for PACE programs in this
56 state.]

57 [(e)] (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance
58 with chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section. The
59 commissioner, pursuant to section 17b-10, may implement policies and
60 procedures to implement the provisions of this section while in the
61 process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form,
62 provided the commissioner posts notice of the intent to adopt the
63 regulation on the eRegulations System not later than twenty days after
64 the date of implementation. Such policies and procedures shall be
65 valid until the time final regulations are adopted.

66 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The administrator of any
67 nursing home facility contracting with the state pursuant to section
68 17b-372a of the general statutes that accepts for admission an inmate
69 being released from a correctional facility in another state or a parolee
70 from another state shall (1) conduct a comprehensive criminal history
71 records check, including, but not limited to, a check of the United
72 States Department of Justice's National Sex Offender Public Website
73 for crimes committed by such inmate or parolee in any state, and (2)
74 ensure that any such inmate or parolee, whose offenses require
75 registration pursuant to chapter 969 of the general statutes, shall
76 complete registration requirements pursuant to said chapter.

77 Sec. 3. Section 17b-28c of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
78 *July 1, 2023*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	17b-428
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	Repealer section

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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