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Raised Bill No. 1006

LCO No. 3526



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING URGENT CRISIS CENTERS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-179f of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2023*):

4 (b) On or before January 1, 2024, the Office of Emergency Medical
5 Services shall develop protocols for a licensed or certified emergency
6 medical services organization or provider to transport a pediatric
7 patient with mental or behavioral health needs by ambulance to an
8 urgent crisis center. As used in this subsection, "urgent crisis center"
9 means a center [licensed by] operated under the oversight of the
10 Department of Children and Families that is dedicated to treating
11 children's urgent mental or behavioral health needs.

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 38a-477aa of the general statutes is
13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
14 *2023*):

15 (a) As used in this section:

16 (1) "Emergency condition" has the same meaning as "emergency
17 medical condition", as provided in section 38a-591a.

18 (2) "Emergency services" means, with respect to an emergency
19 condition, (A) a medical screening examination as required under
20 Section 1867 of the Social Security Act, as amended from time to time,
21 that is within the capability of a hospital emergency department,
22 including ancillary services routinely available to such department to
23 evaluate such condition, and (B) such further medical examinations and
24 treatment required under said Section 1867 to stabilize such individual
25 that are within the capability of the hospital staff and facilities.

26 (3) "Health care plan" means an individual or a group health
27 insurance policy or health benefit plan that provides coverage of the
28 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
29 469.

30 (4) "Health care provider" means an individual licensed to provide
31 health care services under chapters 370 to 373, inclusive, chapters 375 to
32 383b, inclusive, and chapters 384a to 384c, inclusive.

33 (5) "Health carrier" means an insurance company, health care center,
34 hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, fraternal
35 benefit society or other entity that delivers, issues for delivery, renews,
36 amends or continues a health care plan in this state.

37 (6) (A) "Surprise bill" means a bill for health care services, other than
38 emergency services or urgent crisis center services, received by an
39 insured for services rendered by an out-of-network health care
40 provider, where such services were rendered by (i) such out-of-network
41 provider at an in-network facility, during a service or procedure
42 performed by an in-network provider or during a service or procedure
43 previously approved or authorized by the health carrier and the insured
44 did not knowingly elect to obtain such services from such out-of-
45 network provider, or (ii) a clinical laboratory, as defined in section 19a-
46 490, that is an out-of-network provider, upon the referral of an in-
47 network provider.

48 (B) "Surprise bill" does not include a bill for health care services
49 received by an insured when an in-network health care provider was
50 available to render such services and the insured knowingly elected to
51 obtain such services from another health care provider who was out-of-
52 network.

53 (7) "Urgent crisis center" means a center [licensed by] operated under
54 the oversight of the Department of Children and Families that is
55 dedicated to treating children's urgent mental or behavioral health
56 needs.

57 (8) "Urgent crisis center services" means pediatric mental and
58 behavioral health services provided at an urgent crisis center.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	19a-179f(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	38a-477aa(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the role of the Department of Children and Families in the operation of urgent crisis centers.

[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.]