



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5322

February Session, 2024



AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS REGARDING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE TOWARD PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM PATIENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 19a-59i of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (g) [Not later than January 1, 2023, the] The maternal mortality review
5 committee shall develop educational materials regarding:

6 (1) The health and safety of pregnant and postpartum persons with
7 mental health disorders, including, but not limited to, perinatal mood
8 and anxiety disorders, for distribution by the Department of Public
9 Health to each birthing hospital in the state. As used in this subdivision,
10 "birthing hospital" means a health care facility, as defined in section 19a-
11 630, operated and maintained in whole or in part for the purpose of
12 caring for patients during the delivery of a child and for a postpartum
13 person and such person's newborn following birth;

14 (2) Evidence-based screening tools for screening patients for intimate
15 partner violence, peripartum mood disorders and substance use
16 disorder for distribution by the Department of Public Health to

17 obstetricians and other health care providers who practice obstetrics;
18 [and]

19 (3) Indicators of intimate partner violence for distribution by the
20 Department of Public Health to (A) hospitals for use by health care
21 providers in the emergency department and hospital social workers,
22 and (B) obstetricians and other health care providers who practice
23 obstetrics; and

24 (4) Not later than January 1, 2025, intimate partner violence toward
25 pregnant and postpartum persons for distribution by the Department of
26 Public Health (A) in print to each birthing hospital and birth center in
27 the state, and (B) electronically to obstetricians and other health care
28 providers who practice obstetrics for provision to pregnant and
29 postpartum patients.

30 Sec. 2. Section 19a-490ee of the general statutes is repealed and the
31 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

32 (a) As used in this section, (1) "birthing hospital" means a health care
33 facility, as defined in section 19a-630, operated and maintained in whole
34 or in part for the purpose of caring for a person during the delivery of a
35 child and for a postpartum person and such person's newborn following
36 birth; and (2) "birth center" has the same meaning as provided in section
37 19a-490.

38 (b) [On and after October 1, 2022, each] Each birthing hospital shall
39 provide to each patient who has undergone a caesarean section written
40 information regarding the importance of mobility following a caesarean
41 section and the risks associated with immobility following a caesarean
42 section.

43 (c) [Not later than January 1, 2023, each] Each birthing hospital shall
44 establish a patient portal through which a postpartum patient can
45 virtually access, through an Internet web site or application, any
46 educational materials and other information that the birthing hospital
47 provided to the patient during the patient's stay at the birthing hospital

48 and at the time of the patient's discharge from the birthing hospital.

49 (d) [On and after January 1, 2023, each] Each birthing hospital shall
50 provide to each postpartum patient the educational materials regarding
51 the health and safety of pregnant and postpartum persons with mental
52 health disorders, including, but not limited to, perinatal mood and
53 anxiety disorders, developed by the maternal mortality review
54 committee pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 19a-
55 59i, as amended by this act.

56 (e) On and after January 1, 2025, each birthing hospital and birth
57 center shall provide to each pregnant and postpartum patient the
58 educational materials regarding intimate partner violence toward
59 pregnant and postpartum persons, developed by the maternal mortality
60 review committee pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (g) of
61 section 19a-59i, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-59i(g)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	19a-490ee

PH Joint Favorable Subst.