



General Assembly

February Session, 2024

Raised Bill No. 243

LCO No. 1674



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT
PILOT PROGRAM FOR HOME HEALTH AGENCIES.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Assertive community treatment" means the use of a
3 multidisciplinary team to provide recovery-based and rehabilitative
4 treatment services to address the needs of persons with a serious
5 behavioral health disorder and one or more comorbidities, including,
6 but not limited to, such persons with significant functional impairments
7 who have difficulty navigating the complexities of the behavioral health
8 treatment system and transferring learning across environments;
- 9 (2) "Comorbidity" means one or more behavioral or physical health
10 disorders occurring alongside a primary behavioral health disorder
11 diagnosis; and
- 12 (3) "Home health care agency" has the same meaning as provided in
13 section 19a-490 of the general statutes.

14 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Mental Health
 15 and Addiction Services, in collaboration with the Commissioner of
 16 Public Health, shall develop an assertive community treatment pilot
 17 program to place one or more assertive community treatment teams
 18 with not less than three home health care agencies. The Commissioner
 19 of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in consultation with the
 20 Commissioner of Public Health, shall select the assertive community
 21 treatment teams and home health care agencies for participation in the
 22 pilot program pursuant to an application process developed by the
 23 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Said
 24 commissioner shall post a description of the application process and any
 25 required application forms on the Department of Mental Health and
 26 Addiction Services' Internet web site. Such pilot program shall facilitate
 27 collaboration between home health care agencies and assertive
 28 community treatment teams to provide more effective home health care
 29 services to persons with a serious behavioral health disorder and one or
 30 more comorbidities and help ensure the safety of those providing home
 31 health care services to such persons.

32 (c) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Mental Health
 33 and Addiction Services shall report, in accordance with the provisions
 34 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee
 35 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
 36 health, regarding the outcome of the pilot program and any
 37 recommendations to increase the effectiveness of a collaboration
 38 between home health care agencies and assertive community treatment
 39 teams.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PH

Joint Favorable C/R

APP