



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 991

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR
COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "certified community health worker" has the same meaning as
3 provided in section 20-195ttt of the general statutes. The Commissioner
4 of Social Services shall design and implement a program to provide
5 Medicaid reimbursement to certified community health workers for
6 services provided to HUSKY Health program members, including, but
7 not limited to: (1) Coordination of medical, oral and behavioral health
8 care services and social supports; (2) connection to and navigation of
9 health systems and services; (3) prenatal, birth, lactation and
10 postpartum supports; and (4) health promotion, coaching and self-
11 management education.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide reimbursement
13 for the services of certified community health workers in a manner and
14 at a rate conducive to workforce growth and that does not provide
15 financial incentives for other providers to limit access to such
16 community health workers.

17 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services and the commissioner's
18 designees shall consult with certified community health workers,

19 Medicaid beneficiaries and advocates, including, but not limited to,
20 advocates for persons with physical, mental and developmental
21 disabilities, and others throughout the design and implementation of
22 the certified community health worker reimbursement program in a
23 manner that (1) is inclusive of community-based and clinic-based
24 certified community health workers; (2) is representative of medical
25 assistance program member demographics; and (3) helps shape the
26 reimbursement program's design and implementation.

27 (d) Not later than January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter until the
28 reimbursement program is fully implemented, the Commissioner of
29 Social Services shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions
30 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee
31 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
32 human services and the Council on Medical Assistance Program
33 Oversight. Such report shall contain an update on the certified
34 community health worker reimbursement program and an evaluation
35 of its impact on health outcomes and health equity.

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

HS Joint Favorable Subst.