



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1301

LCO No. 4227



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID RATES FOR COMMUNITY HOSPITALS IN RURAL AREAS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) As used in this section, "community
2 hospital in a rural area" means a nonfederal acute care hospital (1)
3 designated by the Connecticut State Office of Rural Health as a rural
4 hospital, (2) open to the general public, and (3) located in an area of the
5 state that is not designated as a metropolitan area by the United States
6 Office of Management and Budget and the Census Bureau. The
7 Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to
8 increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for a community hospital in a
9 rural area of the state to Medicare rates for the same services at such
10 hospitals.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase Medicaid rates for community hospitals in rural areas to equal Medicare rates for the same services.

[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.]