



STATE OF CONNECTICUT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services



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The committee process is under way, bills are being raised for public hearings and everyone is waiting with baited breath for the budget address which was pushed back to February 18th.

The Human Services Committee will be holding meetings the first week of February to help the new members of the committee learn about important issues that come before them.

They will be having meetings on Medicaid 101 and Waivers 101. These meetings are open to the public and we will provide you with the date, location and times as soon as the information becomes available.

The Executive and Legislative Nominations' public hearing on the Commissioner's re-appointment has been scheduled for Thursday February 5th. We do not know the order in which the committee will hear from the nominees and will get that information to you when it becomes available as well.

The Human Services Committee raised a few bills and concepts today that may be of interest to the behavioral health community. Please remember that "concepts" do not always have language available when they are raised by the Committee.

CONCEPTS TO BE RAISED

1. AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL INNOVATION INVESTMENT
2. AN ACT CONCERNING PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY
3. AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE HUSKY PLAN
4. AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES
5. AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TELEMONITORING SERVICES
6. AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
7. AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID

PROPOSED BILLS TO BE RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER PUBLIC HEARING

1. [Proposed H.B. No. 5424](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WHO ABANDON RESIDENCY. (HS)
2. [Proposed H.B. No. 5430](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WHO ABANDON RESIDENCY. (HS)
3. [Proposed H.B. No. 5431](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FRAUDULENT CLAIMS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE. (HS)

The Insurance Committee is also beginning to raise bills for public hearing and they acted on the following bill today.

PROPOSED BILLS TO BE RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER HEARING:

1. [Proposed H.B. No. 5259](#) AN ACT EXPANDING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF MENTAL OR NERVOUS CONDITIONS. (INS)

We will continue to provide you with as much information as possible as the session moves along.

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