



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7090**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING AN EQUITABLE MINIMUM METHADONE MAINTENANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATE UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section: (1) "Methadone maintenance" means a chemical maintenance  
3 program under which an addiction to one drug, including, but not  
4 limited to, heroin, is treated with the drug methadone in a weekly  
5 program that includes on and off-site methadone administration, drug  
6 testing and counseling; and (2) "chemical maintenance provider"  
7 means a provider certified and licensed by the federal Substance  
8 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the state  
9 Department of Public Health who meets all federal and state  
10 requirements, including, but not limited to, requirements specific to  
11 the provision of chemical maintenance services.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid  
13 state plan to supplement provider-specific weekly methadone  
14 maintenance reimbursement rates with a more equitable minimum  
15 reimbursement rate applied equally to all chemical maintenance  
16 providers.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
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***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

The title was changed.

***HS***      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*