



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5305

LCO No. 1459



Referred to Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT DAY CENTER TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-343 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

3 The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish annually the
4 maximum allowable rate to be paid by agencies for homemaker
5 services, chore person services, companion services, respite care, meals
6 on wheels, adult day care services, case management and assessment
7 services, transportation, mental health counseling and elderly foster
8 care. The Commissioner of Social Services shall prescribe uniform forms
9 on which agencies providing such services shall report their costs for
10 such services. Such rates shall be determined on the basis of a reasonable
11 payment for necessary services rendered. The maximum allowable rates
12 established by the Commissioner of Social Services for the Connecticut
13 home-care program for the elderly established under section 17b-342
14 shall constitute the rates required under this section until revised in
15 accordance with this section. The Commissioner of Social Services shall
16 establish a fee schedule, to be effective on and after July 1, 1994, for

17 homemaker services, chore person services, companion services, respite
18 care, meals on wheels, adult day care services, case management and
19 assessment services, transportation, mental health counseling and
20 elderly foster care. The commissioner may annually increase the fee
21 schedule based on an increase in the cost of services. The commissioner
22 shall increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2000, by not less than five
23 per cent, for adult day care services. The commissioner shall increase the
24 fee schedule effective July 1, 2011, by four dollars per person, per day
25 for adult day care services. The commissioner shall increase the fee
26 schedule effective July 1, 2026, for adult day care services by ten per cent
27 over the fee schedule for adult day care services for the previous fiscal
28 year for the purpose of providing increased funding for adult day care
29 transportation. Effective July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the
30 commissioner shall increase the fee schedule for adult day care services
31 by, at a minimum, the cost-of-living adjustment as measured by the
32 consumer price index. The commissioner shall increase the fee schedule
33 effective July 1, 2019, for meals on wheels by ten per cent over the fee
34 schedule for meals on wheels for the previous fiscal year. Effective July
35 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the commissioner may increase the fee
36 schedule for meals on wheels providers serving participants in the
37 Connecticut home-care program for the elderly by, at a minimum, the
38 cost-of-living adjustment as measured by the consumer price index. The
39 commissioner may increase any fee payable to a meals on wheels
40 provider upon the application of such provider evidencing
41 extraordinary costs related to delivery of meals on wheels in sparsely
42 populated rural regions of the state. Nothing contained in this section
43 shall authorize a payment by the state to any agency for such services in
44 excess of the amount charged by such agency for such services to the
45 general public.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	17b-343

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) increase the fee schedule effective July 1, 2026, for adult day care services by ten per cent over the fee schedule for adult day care services for the previous fiscal year for the purpose of providing increased funding for adult day care transportation, and (2) provide for annual cost of living increases to such fee schedule.

[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.]