



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

Raised Bill No. 5481

LCO No. 2679



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PATIENTS
RECEIVING HOSPICE CARE AT A SHORT-TERM HOSPICE
SPECIALTY HOSPITAL OR A HOSPICE FACILITY.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services, within available appropriations, shall provide reimbursement
3 under the state medical assistance program for room and board costs for
4 Medicaid beneficiaries receiving care from a short-term hospice
5 specialty hospital, licensed pursuant to section 19a-491 of the general
6 statutes, or a hospice facility licensed pursuant to section 19a-122b of the
7 general statutes. Not later than January 15, 2027, the commissioner shall
8 file a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
9 general statutes, with the joint standing committees of the General
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
11 the budgets of state agencies, human services and public health on any
12 savings realized by treatment of such beneficiaries at such hospital or
13 facility rather than an acute care hospital or skilled nursing facility that
14 is not a short-term hospice specialty hospital.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide state medical assistance to cover room and board costs for patients receiving hospice care at a short-term hospice specialty hospital or a hospice facility.

[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.]