
OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5480*****AN ACT CONCERNING PEER SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner to amend the Medicaid state plan to (1) integrate peer support services into care teams funded under the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program and (2) provide Medicaid reimbursement to peer support specialists for these services.

The bill requires the DSS commissioner to report by August 1, 2027, to the Human Services and Public Health committees on (1) how many peer support specialists received Medicaid reimbursement, (2) how many Medicaid enrollees these specialists served, and (3) any outcome data on the treatment these peer specialists provided to Medicaid enrollees.

Under the bill, “peer support services” are recovery-focused behavioral health services that teach someone how to manage their recovery with help from a “peer support specialist”. This specialist (1) has experience recovering from mental illness or substance use disorder and (2) is certified to provide peer recovery support under a Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/19/2026)