2012 Final Bill Tracking Report

May 10, 2012

CHILD HEALTH ADVOCACY

Senate Bill 188 'AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR LEAD POISONING PREVENTION.'
Purpose: To describe the administration of the Department of Public Health's lead poisoning prevention and control program.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00188-R00-SB.htm
Internal activity: Chris Corcoran, Ronald Kraatz, Hilda Slivka reviewed
Status: Passed a vote in the Senate on May 2, 2012; Passed a vote in the House on May 9, 2012.

House Bill 5335 'AN ACT CONCERNING LYME DISEASE TESTING.'
Purpose: To establish a task force to study Lyme disease testing.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05335-R00-HB.htm
Status: Passed a vote in the House on May 4, 2012; Passed a vote in the Senate on May 5, 2012.

CLINICAL

Senate Bill 56 'AN ACT CONCERNING PULSE OXIMETRY SCREENING FOR NEWBORN INFANTS.'
Purpose: To require pulse oximetry screening tests for newborn infants.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/s/2012SB-00056-R00-SB.htm
Internal activity: Vic Herson, Hank Leopold, Cathy Wiley reviewed; Vic Herson submitted testimony in support
Status: Public Act 12-13 was signed by the Governor on May 8, 2012.

Senate Bill 252 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING FLAVORING AGENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS.'
Purpose: To authorize the addition of flavoring agents to prescription products, subject to certain conditions.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00252-R00-SB.htm
Internal activity: Matt Wallace and Bill Agostinucci reviewed; Matt Wallace submitted testimony requesting exemption for hospitals

Status: Public Act 12-12 was signed by the Governor on May 2, 2012.

HOSPITAL OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL

Senate Bill 186 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING, INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES FOR PHYSICIANS AND NURSES.'
Purpose: To expand the membership of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board; increase the number of continuing medical education credits for physicians; require renewal of physician, nurse and dentist licenses using the Department of Public Health's on-line license renewal system; and change the membership of the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00186-R00-SB.htm
Status: Passed a vote in the Senate on April 18, 2012; Passed a vote in the House on May 5, 2012.

House Bill 5038 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING AN ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE PROGRAM.'
Purpose: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/h/2012HB-05038-R00-HB.htm
Internal activity: Gerry Boisvert, Rob Leake reviewed; CHA submitted testimony
Status: Passed a vote in the House on May 2, 2012; Passed a vote in the Senate on May 9, 2012.

House Bill 5329 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF TELEPHARMACY BY HOSPITALS.'
Purpose: To enable Connecticut hospitals to use telepharmacy for the dispensing of sterile products.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05329-R00-HB.htm
Internal activity: Matt Wallace and Bill Agostinucci reviewed; Matt Wallace submitted testimony.
Status: Public Act 12-28 was transmitted to the Secretary of the State on May 9, 2012.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES/HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

House Bill 5027 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION, CONSOLIDATION AND MODIFICATION OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND MONITOR
Purpose: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/h/2012HB-05027-R00-HB.htm
Status: Passed votes in the House and Senate on May 7, 2012.

Senate Bill 205 'AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM.'
Purpose: To amend sections 38a-490a and 38a-516a concerning health insurance coverage for birth-to-three programs to allow the state to establish a new baseline of state and local expenditures for early intervention services in the next federal fiscal year pursuant to federal regulations.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00205-R00-SB.htm
Status: Passed a vote in the Senate on April 11, 2012; Passed a vote in the House on May 4, 2012.

House Bill 5037 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH.'
Purpose: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05037-R00-HB.htm
Status: Passed a vote in the House on April 30, 2012; Passed a vote in the Senate on May 9, 2012.

House Bill 5321 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCESS.'
Purpose: To make changes to various public health statutes involving the Office of Health Care Access.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05321-R00-HB.htm
Status: Passed a vote in the House on May 3, 2012; Passed a vote in the Senate on May 9, 2012.

House Bill 5557 'AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05557-R00-HB.htm
Status: Passed a vote in the House on May 7, 2012; Passed a vote in the Senate on May 8, 2012.

BILLS THAT DIED

Senate Bill 189 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION REGARDING THE IMMUNIZATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.
Purpose: To require schools to report to the Departments Education and Public Health concerning children enrolled in schools who have not had the required immunizations.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00189-R00-SB.htm
Status: Died in the Public Health Committee.

Senate Bill 370 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES PROVIDED BY GENETIC COUNSELORS.'
Purpose: To allow certified genetic counselors to provide genetic counseling services under certain circumstances.

http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/s/2012SB-00370-R00-SB.htm
Internal activity: Mark Greenstein, Sally Rosengren reviewed
Status: Died in the Public Health Committee.

House Bill 5427 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF DATA SECURITY BREACHES INVOLVING THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION.'
Purpose: To require that persons who own, license or maintain computerized data that includes personal information immediately notify the Attorney General in the event of a breach of security relating to such data.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/h/2012HB-05427-R00-HB.htm
Internal activity: Moses Vargas, Kelly Styles reviewed
Status: Died in the Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill 11 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO NONCITIZENS.'
Purpose: To increase the level of funding provided to the state's medical assistance to noncitizens program.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00011-R00-SB.htm
Status: Died in the Human Services Committee.

Senate Bill 231 'AN ACT MODIFYING THE KATIE BECKETT HOME CARE WAIVER PROGRAM.'
Purpose: To make technical modifications to a Medicaid waiver program for persons with disabilities to expand access and better define the population served.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00231-R00-SB.htm
Status: Died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

House Bill 5033 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM AND THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.
Purpose: To improve program integrity in the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance Program by implementing waste, fraud and abuse prevention detection and recovery policies.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05033-R00-HB.htm
Status: Died in the Human Services Committee.

House Bill 5485 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE.'
Purpose: To make various changes to the duties of the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, to require the Insurance and Real Estate Committee to select the benchmark plan for purposes of establishing the standard for qualified health plans and plans sold outside the exchange and to require the General Assembly to approve such selection.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/h/2012HB-05485-R00-HB.htm
Status: Died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

House Bill 5003 'AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL SPENDING CAP.
Purpose: To implement the constitutional limitation on expenditures by the General Assembly.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05003-R00-HB.htm
Status: Died in the Appropriations Committee.

Senate Bill 204 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE MEDICAL LOSS RATIO.'
Purpose: To establish a civil penalty for a health care center or a health insurer that fails to provide the information required for the Consumer Report Card on Health Insurance Carriers in Connecticut, to amend the factors taken into account for calculation of the state medical loss ratio, and to establish a minimum state medical loss ratio of eighty-two per cent for certain individual and small employer group health insurance policies.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00204-R00-SB.htm
Internal activity: Gerry Boisvert, Rob Leake reviewed
Status: Died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

House Bill 5228 'AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE TO INSUREDS OF THE PREVENTIVE SERVICES NOT SUBJECT TO COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.
Purpose: To require health care providers that offer or perform a preventive service for which the United States Department of Health and Human Services has prohibited cost-sharing requirements on an insured to provide a list of such preventive services to an insured prior to or at the time of such insured's appointment.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05228-R00-HB.htm
Status: Died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Senate Bill 185 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO PARENTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES ABOUT CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES.'
Purpose: To inform the parents and legal guardians of student athletes about concussions and head injuries.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00185-R00-SB.htm
Internal activity: Carl Nissen reviewed
Status: Passed a vote in the Appropriations Committee on April 23, 2012.

House Bill 5218 'AN ACT CONCERNING TOXIC FIRE RETARDANTS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS.'
Purpose: To ban any product containing Tris marketed for the use of children three years of age or younger or the parents or guardians of such children.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05218-R00-HB.htm
Status: Placed on the House Calendar on April 12, 2012.

Senate Bill 274 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHEMICALS OF HIGH CONCERN TO CHILDREN.'
Purpose: To identify chemicals of high concern to children.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00274-R00-SB.htm
Status: Passed a vote in the General Law Committee on April 26, 2012.

House Bill 5244 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND THE STEM CELL RESEARCH PROGRAM.'
Purpose: To authorize the Commissioner of Public Health to enter into an agreement with other states and foreign countries to advance stem cell research opportunities.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05244-R00-HB.htm
Internal activity: Gigi Burke reviewed
Status: Placed on the Senate Calendar on March 30, 2012.

House Bill 5434 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARD OF CARE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDERS.'
Purpose: To: (1) Provide that a claimant in a medical malpractice action establish the negligence of a health care provider by clear and convincing evidence; and (2) provide that health care providers who render care in emergency departments of acute care hospitals and licensed medical professionals who render emergency care voluntarily and gratuitously be liable for acts or omissions constituting a reckless disregard for the consequences.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/h/2012HB-05434-R00-HB.htm
Internal activity: Moses Vargas, Trish Farmer reviewed
Status: Placed on the House Calendar on April 17, 2012.

House Bill 5247 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR ASSAULT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, PUBLIC TRANSIT OR HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL.'
Purpose: To impose a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment on a person who assaults a police officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, paramedic, ambulance driver, emergency room physician or nurse, motor vehicle inspector, public transit employee, correctional officer, probation officer, parole officer or any other specified employee.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/H/2012HB-05247-R00-HB.htm
Internal activity: Theresa Hendricksen, Mike Tortora reviewed; Marty Gavin submitted testimony.
Status: Referred to the Appropriations Committee on March 23, 2012.

Senate Bill 13 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES.
Purpos: To require health insurance coverage of medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment provided through telemedicine if such advice, diagnosis, care or treatment is covered when provided through in-person consultation.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00013-R00-SB.htm
Status: Passed a vote in the Senate on April 27, 2012; Placed on the House Calendar on April 30, 2012.

Senate Bill 30 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET CONCERNING HUMAN SERVICES.'
Purpose: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/s/2012SB-00030-R00-SB.htm
Status: Referred to the Appropriations Committee on April 25, 2012.

Senate Bill 55 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE.
Purpose: To expand the membership of the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee to include a child psychiatrist.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00055-R00-SB.htm
Status: Passed a vote in the Senate on April 27, 2012; Placed on the House calendar on April 30, 2012.

House Bill 5014 'AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013.'
Purpose: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/h/2012HB-05014-R00-HB.htm
Internal activity: Marty Gavin submitted testimony
Status: Placed on the House Calendar on April 17, 2012.

House Bill 5015 'AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012.'
Purpose: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/h/2012HB-05015-R00-HB.htm
Status: Placed on the House Calendar on April 16, 2012.

Senate Bill 206 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDER ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS.'
Purpose: To require health insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00206-R00-SB.htm
Status: Passed a vote in the Appropriations Committee on April 23, 2012.

Senate Bill 243 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.'
Purpose: To revise provisions concerning certificates of merit in medical malpractice actions.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/TOB/S/2012SB-00243-R00-SB.htm
Internal activity: Trish Farmer, Moses Vargas reviewed; Marty Gavin submitted testimony based on CHA model in opposition
Status: Passed a vote in the Senate on April 27, 2012 Placed on the House Calendar on April 30, 2012.

Senate Bill 368 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE OF CONNECTICUT.'
MONITOR
Purpose: To specify the circumstances under which a patient's health information may be disclosed through the state's electronic health information system.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/s/2012SB-00368-R00-SB.htm
Status: Tabled for the Senate Calendar on May 3, 2012.

House Bill 5477 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID.'
Purpose: To study quality of care and access to services under Medicaid-funded programs.
http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/tob/h/2012HB-05477-R00-HB.htm
Status: Placed on the House Calendar on April 10, 2012.