

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Medicaid program (HUSKY Health) provides comprehensive medical coverage to over 800,000 residents of the state; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 17b-2 and 17b-260 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), the Department of Social Services (DSS) is the single state agency charged with administering the Medicaid program for the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, HUSKY Health provides services and coverage to low-income children, families, older and other adults, including individuals with disabilities, not available elsewhere in the commercial or Medicare markets; and

WHEREAS, total state and federal HUSKY Health costs generally accounts for over 20% of state expenditures from all sources and the growth of health care expenditures impacts the state budget; and

WHEREAS, health care costs and quality generally can impact the desirability of Connecticut as a business location; and

WHEREAS, disparities in health care outcomes persist in Connecticut among people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, and other demographic factors; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut must address health care costs for all residents of Connecticut, regardless of payer and provider; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut needs to improve health outcomes while reducing the rate of growth of health care costs; and

WHEREAS, the state's Office of Health Strategy (OHS), pursuant to Section 19a-754a of CGS, is responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive and cohesive health care vision for the state, including, but not limited to, a coordinated state health care cost containment strategy; and

WHEREAS, OHS is responsible for convening forums and meetings with state government and external stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the Connecticut

Health Insurance Exchange, to discuss health care issues designed to develop effective health care cost and quality strategies; and


WHEREAS, in collaboration with various state agencies, OHS and DSS jointly share responsibility for health care quality and costs in Connecticut;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NED LAMONT, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Connecticut, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

1. The Commissioner of Social Services, consistent with the Commissioner's statutory authority, shall, in coordination with OHS, develop a public transparency strategy for Medicaid cost and quality reporting across all groups covered under Connecticut Medicaid by December 2020 and report on said strategy to the Governor by January 31, 2021.
2. The Commissioner shall convene an Advisory Board for Transparency on Medicaid Cost and Quality (Advisory Board) to provide advice and input on the content, metrics and goals for such reporting.
3. The Advisory Board shall, at the invitation of the Commissioner of Social Services, include the Executive Director of the Office of Health Strategy, the Commissioners of Public Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families, and Developmental Services, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, one or more members served by Connecticut HUSKY Health, representatives of Medicaid-enrolled providers, and experts in quality measurement and reporting.
4. Such public reporting of measures of cost and quality shall enable a) examination of performance over time, both specific to the Connecticut Medicaid program, and in comparison to other state Medicaid programs; b) strategic interventions on behalf of Medicaid members; and c) continuous quality improvement.
5. Such public reporting shall form the basis of future initiatives to develop and implement payment and care delivery strategies aimed at improving outcomes and reducing health disparities.
6. The Commissioner shall continue to monitor efforts to establish transparency and the adoption of Medicaid cost and quality reporting pursuant to this order, and make recommendations for legislation or other initiatives to fulfill the purposes of this order.

This order shall take effect immediately.

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 22nd day of January, 2020.


Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command



Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State

