

DMHAS Legislative Newsletter

Greetings to DMHAS Staff and Partners!

We hope you had a wonderful week! Please see below what has taken place at the CT General Assembly this week.

This Week at the Capitol

The House and Senate were back in session this week and several bills were debated and voted on. We have highlighted a few bills below:

In the House, [HB 7214](#), *An Act Concerning Maternal Health*, would establish a task force to study perinatal mental health care. Sixteen members would serve on the task force, and Commissioner Navarretta, or her designee, would participate in this important topic on to how to better improve perinatal mental health care services in the state. The bill now goes to the Senate.



In the Senate, [SB 1355](#), *An Act Concerning Prescription Drugs, Devices and Nonlegend Drugs*, makes a number of changes to drug-related statutes.. Of particular interest, the bill removes prescriptive requirements applying to naloxone distribution boxes, and, if passed, these boxes would no longer be required to have certain alarms and temperature controls. The bill will now need to be voted in the House before it is signed into law.

In addition, [SB 7](#), one of the Senate Democrat Caucus' priority bills, was passed in the Senate late Thursday night. The bill has numerous provisions relating to delivery of health care in the state, including a new role for the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council in determining goals to continue combatting the prevalence of opioid use disorder and permissive language relating to the establishment of overdose prevention centers. It now moves to the House for consideration.

What's Happening Next Week?

The House and Senate will be in Session the Following Days:

Tuesday, May 27th

Wednesday, May 28th

Thursday, May 29th

Friday, May 30th

And possibly Saturday, May 31st!



Did You Know?

A legislative task force is a special group authorized to study a particular issue and report back to the General Assembly. Its members often include legislators, stakeholders, and advocates. Task forces often meet during the off session and the report is often used for legislation.

Have a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend!
In partnership, Chandra & Kelly