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Raised Bill No. 329

LCO No. 1649



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR OLDER ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-261 of the 2026 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

4 (a) Medical assistance shall be provided for any otherwise eligible
5 person (1) whose income, including any available support from legally
6 liable relatives and the income of the person's spouse or dependent
7 child, is not more than one hundred fifty-nine per cent, pending
8 approval of a federal waiver applied for pursuant to subsection (e) of
9 this section, of the benefit amount paid to a person with no income
10 under the temporary family assistance program, and (2) if such person
11 is an institutionalized individual as defined in Section 1917 of the Social
12 Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(h)(3), and has not made an assignment or
13 transfer or other disposition of property for less than fair market value
14 for the purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits or assistance under
15 this section. Any such disposition shall be treated in accordance with

16 Section 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(c). Any
17 disposition of property made on behalf of an applicant or recipient or
18 the spouse of an applicant or recipient by a guardian, conservator,
19 person authorized to make such disposition pursuant to a power of
20 attorney or other person so authorized by law shall be attributed to such
21 applicant, recipient or spouse. A disposition of property ordered by a
22 court shall be evaluated in accordance with the standards applied to any
23 other such disposition for the purpose of determining eligibility. The
24 commissioner shall establish the standards for eligibility for medical
25 assistance at one hundred fifty-nine per cent of the benefit amount paid
26 to a household of equal size with no income under the temporary family
27 assistance program. In determining eligibility, the commissioner shall
28 not consider as income United States Department of Veterans Affairs-
29 administered Aid and Attendance pension benefits that are granted to a
30 veteran, as defined in section 27-103, or the surviving spouse of such
31 veteran, or, on and after July 1, 2026, benefits received under Title II of
32 the Social Security Act by a disabled adult child who meets the criteria
33 set forth in 42 USC 402(d)(1)(G). Except as provided in section 17b-277
34 and section 17b-292, the medical assistance program shall provide
35 coverage to persons under the age of nineteen with household income
36 up to one hundred ninety-six per cent of the federal poverty level
37 without an asset limit and to persons under the age of nineteen, who
38 qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act, with
39 household income not exceeding one hundred ninety-six per cent of the
40 federal poverty level without an asset limit, and their parents and needy
41 caretaker relatives, who qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the
42 Social Security Act, with household income not exceeding one hundred
43 thirty-three per cent of the federal poverty level without an asset limit.
44 Such levels shall be based on the regional differences in such benefit
45 amount, if applicable, unless such levels based on regional differences
46 are not in conformance with federal law. Any income in excess of the
47 applicable amounts shall be applied as may be required by said federal
48 law, and assistance shall be granted for the balance of the cost of
49 authorized medical assistance. The Commissioner of Social Services

50 shall provide applicants for assistance under this section, at the time of
51 application, with a written statement advising them of (A) the effect of
52 an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property on eligibility
53 for benefits or assistance, (B) the effect that having income that exceeds
54 the limits prescribed in this subsection will have with respect to
55 program eligibility, and (C) the availability of, and eligibility for,
56 services provided by the Connecticut Home Visiting System,
57 established pursuant to section 17b-751b. For coverage dates on or after
58 January 1, 2014, the department shall use the modified adjusted gross
59 income financial eligibility rules set forth in Section 1902(e)(14) of the
60 Social Security Act and the implementing regulations to determine
61 eligibility for HUSKY A, HUSKY B and HUSKY D applicants, as defined
62 in section 17b-290. To the extent permissible under federal law, the
63 Commissioner of Social Services shall disregard all United States
64 Department of Veterans Affairs-administered non-service-connected
65 pension benefits, Aid and Attendance pension benefits and
66 Housebound pension benefits that are granted to a veteran or the
67 surviving spouse of such veteran when determining income eligibility
68 for HUSKY A and HUSKY D applicants. Persons who are determined
69 ineligible for assistance pursuant to this section shall be provided a
70 written statement notifying such persons of their ineligibility and
71 advising such persons of their potential eligibility for one of the other
72 insurance affordability programs as defined in 42 CFR 435.4.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	17b-261(a)

Statement of Purpose:
To disregard certain income for older adults with disabilities when determining their eligibility for Medicaid.

[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.]