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**Committee Bill No. 981**

LCO No. 5737



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR OLDER PERSONS  
AND PERSONS 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 general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2025*):

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 Aid and Attendance pension benefits granted to  
29 a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, or the surviving spouse of such  
30 veteran, or Title II income above the eligibility standard that is related  
31 to an individual's identification as a disabled adult child under the  
32 Social Security Act. Except as provided in section 17b-277 and section  
33 17b-292, the medical assistance program shall provide coverage to  
34 persons under the age of nineteen with household income up to one  
35 hundred ninety-six per cent of the federal poverty level without an asset  
36 limit and to persons under the age of nineteen, who qualify for coverage  
37 under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act, with household income  
38 not exceeding one hundred ninety-six per cent of the federal poverty  
39 level without an asset limit, and their parents and needy caretaker  
40 relatives, who qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the Social  
41 Security Act, with household income not exceeding one hundred thirty-  
42 three per cent of the federal poverty level without an asset limit. Such  
43 levels shall be based on the regional differences in such benefit amount,  
44 if applicable, unless such levels based on regional differences are not in  
45 conformance with federal law. Any income in excess of the applicable  
46 amounts shall be applied as may be required by said federal law, and  
47 assistance shall be granted for the balance of the cost of authorized  
48 medical assistance. The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide  
49 applicants for assistance under this section, at the time of application,  
50 with a written statement advising them of (A) the effect of an  
51 assignment or transfer or other disposition of property on eligibility for

52 benefits or assistance, (B) the effect that having income that exceeds the  
53 limits prescribed in this subsection will have with respect to program  
54 eligibility, and (C) the availability of, and eligibility for, services  
55 provided by the Connecticut Home Visiting System, established  
56 pursuant to section 17b-751b. For coverage dates on or after January 1,  
57 2014, the department shall use the modified adjusted gross income  
58 financial eligibility rules set forth in Section 1902(e)(14) of the Social  
59 Security Act and the implementing regulations to determine eligibility  
60 for HUSKY A, HUSKY B and HUSKY D applicants, as defined in section  
61 17b-290. Persons who are determined ineligible for assistance pursuant  
62 to this section shall be provided a written statement notifying such  
63 persons of their ineligibility and advising such persons of their potential  
64 eligibility for one of the other insurance affordability programs as  
65 defined in 42 CFR 435.4.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	17b-261(a)
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**HS**      *Joint Favorable*