
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 981

AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR OLDER PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

SUMMARY

This bill excludes certain federal income from eligibility determinations for Medicaid, making it easier for people with this income to become eligible for Medicaid. Specifically, it excludes any federal Social Security income related to an individual's identification as a "disabled adult child" under the federal Social Security Act that exceeds the HUSKY C Medicaid income limit. HUSKY C is Connecticut's Medicaid program for people who are elderly, blind, or living with a disability.

Under the federal Social Security Disability Insurance program, a disabled adult child is an unmarried person who is at least 18 years old with a disability that began before age 22. A disabled adult child may be eligible for benefits based on their parent's earning record.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

BACKGROUND

Related Bills

sSB 807, favorably reported by the Human Services Committee, requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to eliminate the asset limit for HUSKY C over a five-year period.

sSB 11, § 9, favorably reported by the Human Services Committee, also requires DSS to eliminate the asset limit for HUSKY C over a five-year period.

sHB 6911 (File 110), favorably reported by the Aging Committee, requires DSS, starting July 1, 2025, to increase HUSKY C asset limits by at least the same percentage increase as the national consumer price

index.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/13/2025)