



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 95

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House Bill No. 5302

House of Representatives, March 19, 2026

The Committee on Aging reported through REP. GARIBAY of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ASSET LIMITS FOR HUSKY C BENEFICIARIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Social Services shall increase the asset limit for the HUSKY C health
3 program, as defined in section 17b-290 of the general statutes, for (1) an
4 unmarried person from one thousand six hundred dollars to five
5 thousand dollars, and (2) married persons from two thousand four
6 hundred dollars to seven thousand five hundred dollars.

7 (b) Not later than July 1, 2027, the commissioner shall file a report, in
8 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
9 with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
10 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state
11 agencies, human services and aging on (1) the number of persons
12 eligible for the HUSKY C health program for the prior fiscal year, and
13 (2) any increased costs incurred by the state that are attributable to
14 changes in the asset limits.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | New section |
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AGE *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 27 \$ | FY 28 \$ |
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| Social Services, Dept. | GF - Cost/Revenue Gain | See Below | See Below |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) due to increasing the asset limit for purposes of HUSKY C eligibility. The bill increases the asset limit to \$5,000 from \$1,600 for individuals and to \$7,500 from \$2,400 for married couples.

The disposition of assets for the eligible expansion population is unknown. For context, if HUSKY C enrollment increases by 5%, the state will experience increased Medicaid costs of approximately \$14.5 million in FY 27 and \$46.2 million in FY 28. This assumes a gradual increase in enrollment of 4,250 individuals over two years.

The state will incur additional administrative costs of approximately \$1.5 million in FY 27 and \$100,000 in FY 28 to modify the eligibility system and support increased enrollment. Increased system costs result in an associated federal grants revenue gain of approximately \$600,000.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to Medicaid enrollment associated with increased asset limits.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill expands eligibility for Connecticut’s Medicaid program known as HUSKY C, which is available to qualifying residents who are age 65 or older or who are ages 18 to 64 and are disabled or blind. It does so by increasing how much program applicants can have in assets to participate.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner to increase the program’s asset limits for (1) an unmarried person, from \$1,600 to \$5,000, and (2) a married couple, from \$2,400 to \$7,500.

Relatedly, the bill also requires the DSS commissioner, starting by July 1, 2027, to annually report to the Aging, Appropriations, and Human Services committees on (1) the number of people eligible for HUSKY C for the prior fiscal year and (2) any additional costs the state incurred because of changes to the asset limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/05/2026)