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# HUSKY Health Limited Benefit- Family Planning Coverage

Initial Partnerships & Future Opportunities

# About ICAN!



ICAN guides and resources states to implement Medicaid Family Planning programs to increase access to reproductive care.



We serve as a “**systems orchestrator**” supporting Providers, Patients, Payers, and Policymakers to transform how contraceptive care is delivered, accessed, and paid for with a focus on equity and sustainability.



## Policy analysis and implementation

We identify opportunities to strengthen on-the-books policies and to maximize on-the-ground impact.



## Provider training and technical assistance

We support safety-net providers to deliver and connect patients with person-centered contraceptive care and coverage.



## Patient Engagement

We empower patients to learn about their birth control options, find coverage, deliver feedback to providers, and to access timely and respectful care in their communities.

# Overview of HUSKY Family Planning

# HUSKY Family Planning Coverage



- **Partial Medicaid benefit program** to provide family planning and related services to CT residents\* of any age and gender with household incomes up to 263% FPL.
- Covers primary and preventative care, including all FDA approved birth control, annual check-up, pap test and follow-up, STI testing and treatment, and HPV vaccines.
- This program can be a **default program for individuals who do not qualify for full Medicaid** or have private insurance they do not want to use because of confidentiality or cost concerns.

\* enrollees must be U.S. citizens or have a qualifying immigration status

# Covered Services



- Annual check-up in person or virtual, if routine preventative primary services are related to family planning.
- Pap test.
- All FDA-approved birth control (Pill, patch, ring, depo, IUD, implant, emergency contraceptive pill) and permanent methods like tubal ligation and vasectomy (21+).
- STI testing and treatment, including counseling on HIV prevention.
- Follow up and treatment for abnormal pap smears.
- HPV, Hep B, Flu vaccines.
- Non-emergency medical transportation to doctor visits.

# HUSKY Family Planning & H.R.1

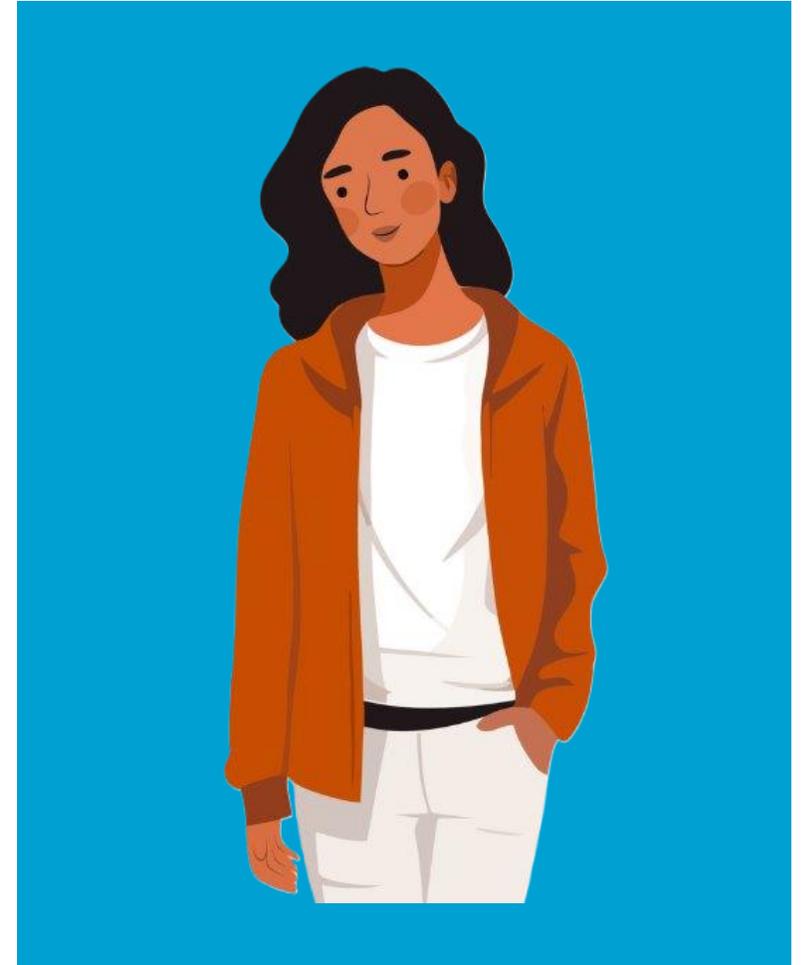
# How does H.R.1/OBBB affect Medicaid Family Planning Programs?

Many of H.R.1's most burdensome restrictions **don't apply** to Family Planning programs.

**Enrollees won't have work requirements or redeterminations every 6 months**

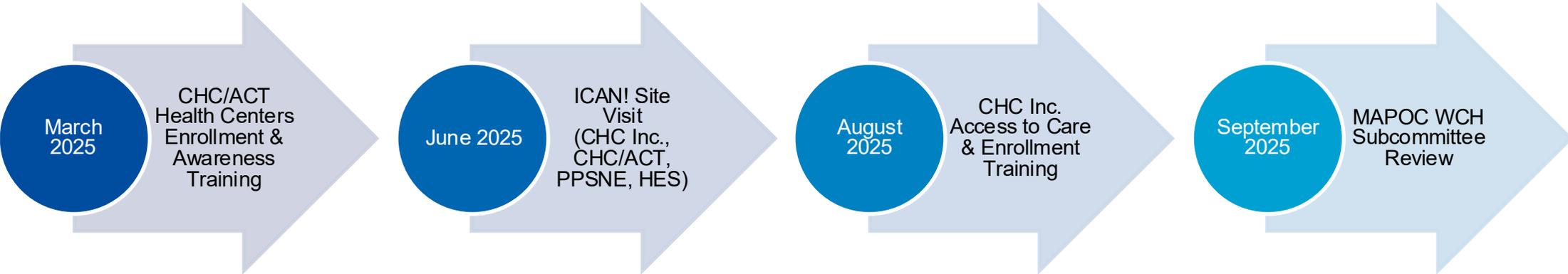
However, immigration & retroactive changes do apply:

- Starting 10/1/2026 only U.S. citizens, LPRs for 5+ years, Cuban and Haitian immigrants, and COFA Migrants will be eligible
- Starting 1/1/2027 retroactive coverage will be limited to 60 days.

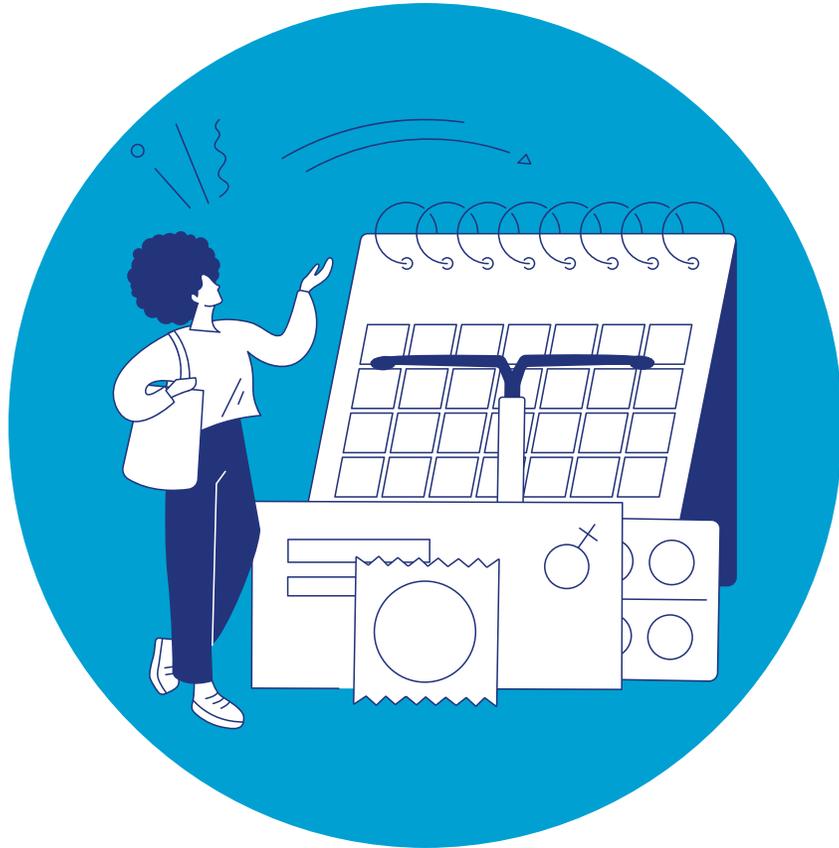


# ICAN! Provider Engagement

# Outreach & Education

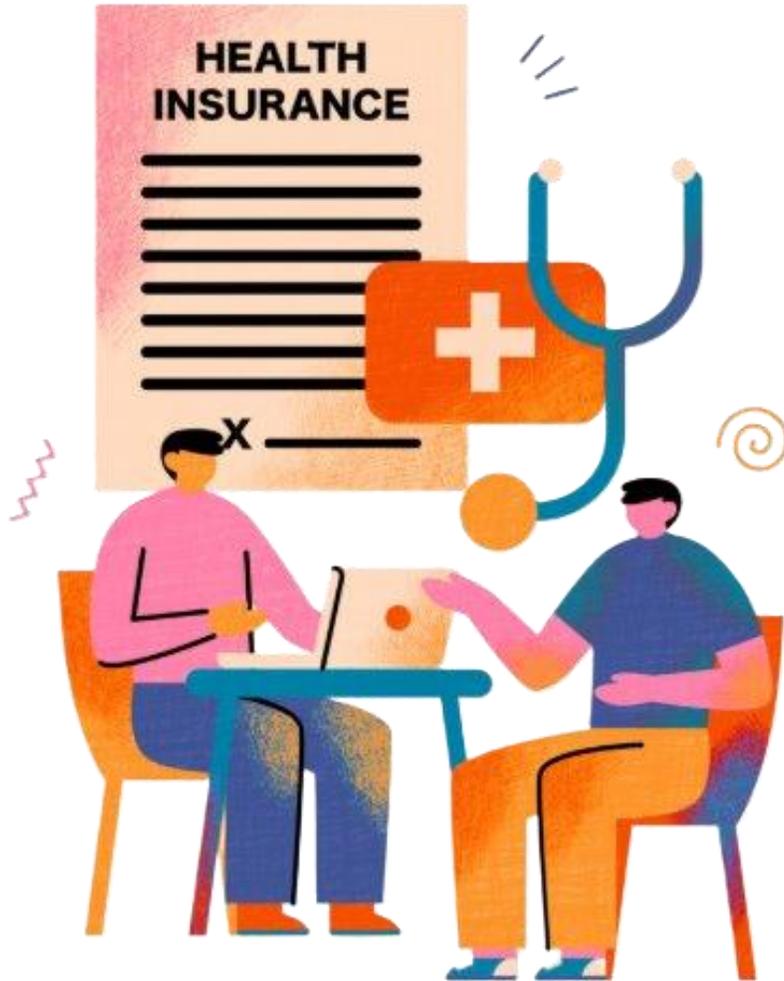


# Opportunities for Continued Education & Outreach



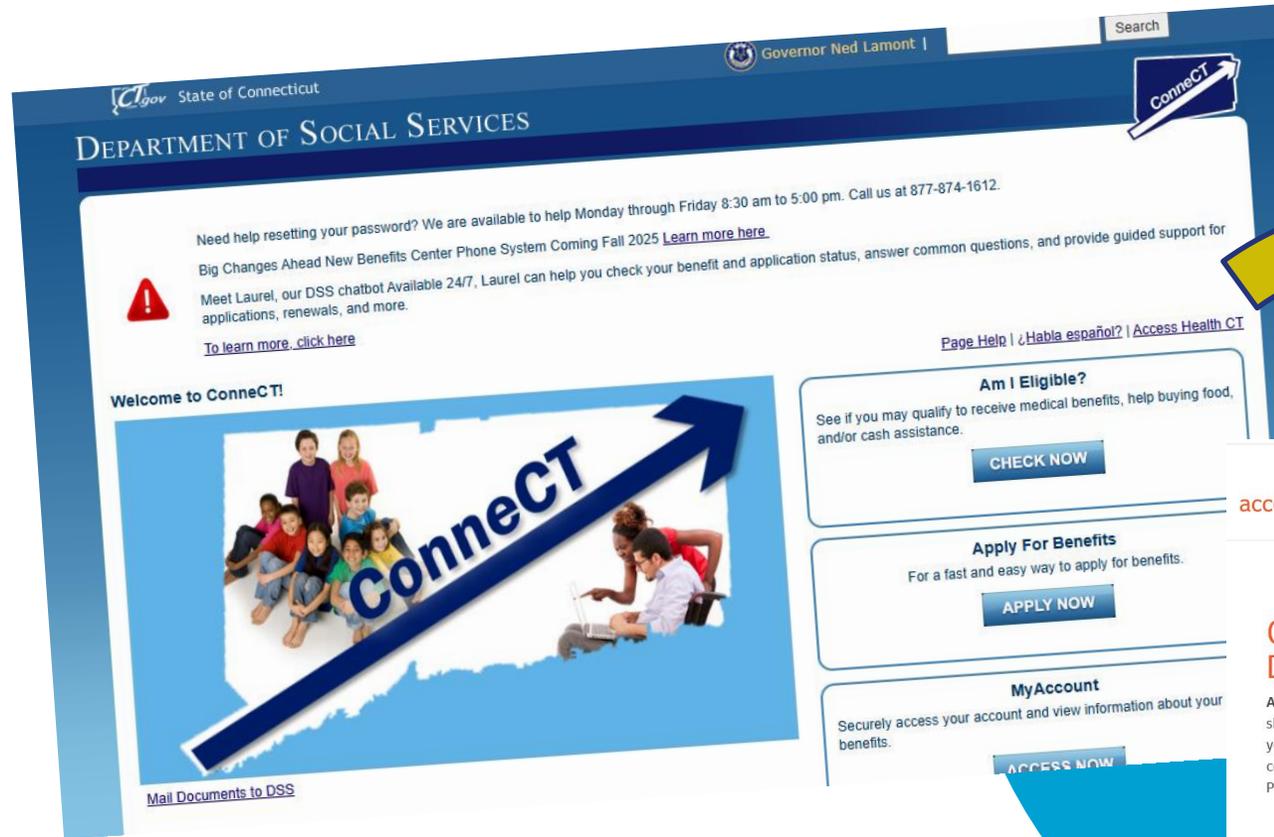
- Continued collaboration and technical assistance to FQHCs, especially with the risk of patients losing full HUSKY or Covered CT coverage.
- Training for existing ConneCT site users (ex. SNAP enrollment staff, local Community Action Agencies, End Hunger CT) to maximize program access with low administrative burden—same application!
- Engagement with trusted community-based organizations to improve family planning coverage messaging that addresses common barriers such as immigration concerns, program awareness, and stigma around reproductive health services (including STI treatment & testing).

# Opportunities for Program Improvements

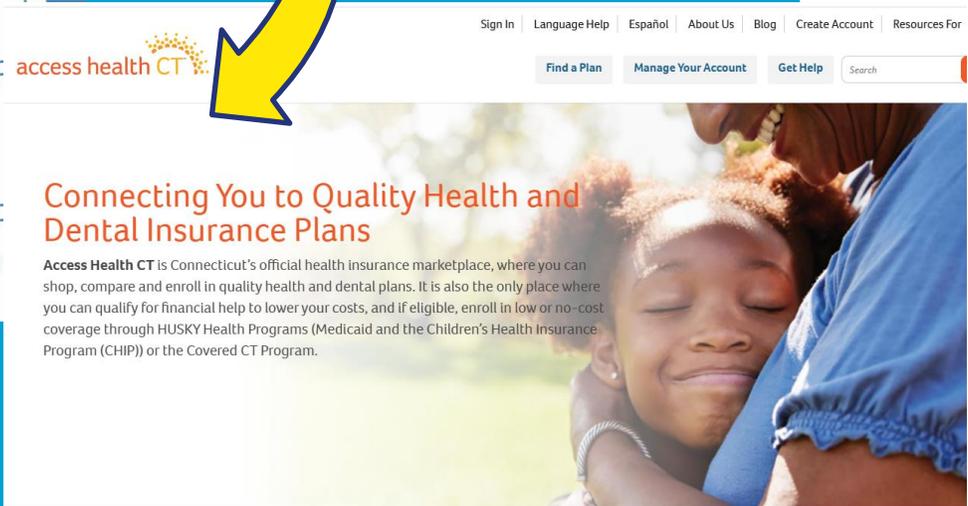


- Access Health Workaround: Allow for applicants to be manually enrolled in HUSKY Family Planning if do not qualify for full HUSKY Coverage
- Increase data capture to track HUSKY Family Planning enrollees on DSS dashboard
- Modernize diagnosis codes for family planning (last update 2015)
- Set-up autoenrollment for members who lose full HUSKY coverage eligibility for any reason, especially rolling off 12 months postpartum and due to work requirements or semiannual redeterminations

# Increasing Application Accessibility



2027 Migration



# Call to Action:

- Encourage state/local systems to routinely include this alternative Medicaid coverage in all public information assets and processes.
- Connect ICAN! with Community-Based Partners for staff outreach and education training.
- Remember: ICAN! resources and training are always provided at no cost. Post digitally and share flyer widely for any consumer facing platforms.

**CHECK "FAMILY PLANNING"** ican!

**HUSKY Limited Benefit Family Planning Program (HUSKY LB FPP)**

There are an estimated 180,000 Connecticut residents newly eligible for this alternative Medicaid benefits program covering primary and preventive services including all birth control methods. This coverage is open to individuals of any gender or age who (1) reside in Connecticut (2) have household incomes ≤ 203% FPL (3) are not already be enrolled in a public healthcare benefits program. Applications are available online on the DSS website ([connect.ct.gov](http://connect.ct.gov)).

Check "Family Planning" on the DSS Assistance Application, at the bottom of the page titled "What Kind of Help Are You Applying For?" page ensure your client gets coverage for some preventive services if they don't qualify for full Medicaid benefits. Clients can apply even if they have private insurance they don't want to use (i.e. confidentiality concerns, high out-of-pocket costs, etc).

**Covered services**

- All FDA-approved birth control: condoms, emergency contraception, IUD, implant, pill, patch, ring, Depo shot, tubal ligation and vasectomy.
- STI testing and treatment; screening for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, etc.
- HIV testing & PEP.
- Screening for breast, cervical (pap), and testicular cancer.
- Follow up for abnormal pap smears.
- HPV vaccines.
- Pregnancy tests
- Non-emergency medical transportation to doctor visits

**Presumptive Family Planning Application from the Provider Portal Landing Page**

In addition to ongoing coverage through the HUSKY LB FPP, clients can apply for immediate, temporary coverage (up to two months) by self-attesting to their income, residency, and citizenship with a qualifying presumptive eligibility provider (FPPE). The process for FPPE is the same process and application used to determine presumptive eligibility for other HUSKY programs.

**What Kind of Help Are You Applying For?**

What Kind of Help Are You Applying For?  
Click on the icon. You will be redirected to the bottom of the page.

Family Planning

Clients will need to input information about their place of residence, household makeup, and income before submitting the application to DSS.

**Temporary Coverage for Family Planning Services** ican!

**Presumptive Eligibility (FPPE)**

Eligible for an alternative Medicaid benefits program covering primary and preventive services including all birth control methods. **People with presumptive eligibility (FPPE) are eligible for temporary coverage (~31-60 days) by self-attesting to their income, residency, and citizenship with a qualifying provider and**

**Family Planning Program (Husky LB FPP)**

Qualified immigrants are also eligible for 12 months of coverage and can access [connect.ct.gov/accesses](http://connect.ct.gov/accesses) by selecting "FAMILY PLANNING" at the bottom of the "What Kind of Help Are You Applying For?" page of the DSS assistance application.

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# Questions