

SB 329 -- Redline

File No. 293 to APP Joint Favorable -- AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR OLDER ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.

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~~Senate~~ General Assembly ~~File~~Raised Bill No.

~~203329~~ February Session, 2026 ~~Senate~~LCO-~~Bill~~ No.

~~3291649~~ ~~Senate, Referred April to 1, 2026~~ The Committee on ~~Human~~HUMAN ~~Services~~SERVICES ~~reported~~Introduced ~~throughby: SEN.~~

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~~AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR OLDER ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.~~

(a) Medical assistance shall be provided for any otherwise eligible person (1) whose income, including any available support from legally liable relatives and the income of the person's spouse or dependent child, is not more than one hundred fifty-nine per cent, pending approval of a federal waiver applied for pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, of the benefit amount paid to a person with no income under the temporary family assistance program, and (2) if such person is an institutionalized individual as defined in Section 1917 of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(h)(3), and has not made an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property for less than fair market value for the purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits or assistance under ~~SB329this /section. File No.~~

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The Commissioner of Social Services ~~SB329shall /provide File~~applicants for assistance under this section, at the time of LCO 1649 2 of 3 Raised Bill No.

~~203329 2application, SB329with Filea No.written statement advising them of (A) the effect of an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property on eligibility for benefits or assistance, (B) the effect that having income that exceeds the limits prescribed in this subsection will have with respect to program eligibility, and (C) the availability of, and eligibility for, services provided by the Connecticut Home Visiting System, established pursuant to section 17b-751b.~~

~~203 shall provide applicants for assistance under this section, at the time of application, with a written statement advising them of (A) the effect of an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property on eligibility for benefits or assistance, (B) the effect that having income that exceeds the limits prescribed in this subsection will have with respect to program eligibility, and (C) the availability of, and eligibility for, services provided by the Connecticut Home Visiting System, established pursuant to section 17b-751b.~~

Section 1 July 1, 2026 17b-261(a) HS Joint Favorable ~~SB329APP /Joint FileFavorable No.LCO 1649 3 of 3~~ ~~203 3 SB329 File No.~~

~~203 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 \$ Social Services, Dept.~~

~~GF - Cost See Below See Below Resources of the General Fund GF - Revenue 125,000 None Gain Note:~~

~~GF-General Fund Municipal Impact:~~

~~None Explanation The bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with disregarding certain federal social security benefits received by an adult disabled child for HUSKY C income eligibility purposes.~~

~~The state will experience costs to the extent this change (1) makes an individual eligible sooner than they otherwise would be (because a spend-down is no longer required), (2) maintains eligibility for a client who would otherwise lose coverage upon receipt of such benefits, or (3) results in new HUSKY C enrollees who would not otherwise seek coverage.~~

~~DSS will also incur costs of approximately \$250,000 related to system modifications, resulting in a federal grants revenue gain of approximately \$125,000.~~

~~The Out Years The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to HUSKY C eligibility and service utilization.~~

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~~203 OLR Bill Analysis SB 329 AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR OLDER ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. SUMMARY Starting July 1, 2026, this bill excludes certain federal Social Security income from Medicaid eligibility determinations, making it easier for people with this income to qualify for HUSKY C. Specifically, it excludes Social Security benefits received by a disabled adult child.~~

~~Under federal law, a disabled adult child is an unmarried person who is at least age 18 with a disability that began before age 22.~~

~~A disabled adult child may be eligible for benefits based on their parent's earning record.~~

~~HUSKY C is Connecticut's Medicaid program for people who are elderly, blind, or living with a disability.~~

~~EFFECTIVE DATE:~~

~~July 1, 2026 BACKGROUND Related Bills SB 326, favorably reported by the Human Services Committee, phases out the HUSKY C asset limit.~~

~~HB 5302 (File 95), favorably reported by the Aging Committee, increases the HUSKY C asset limit.~~

~~COMMITTEE ACTION Human Services Committee Joint Favorable Yea 23 May 0 (03/10/2026) SB329 / File No. 203-5~~