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Amendment

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Offered by:
SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

To: Senate Bill No. 927

File No. 332

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"AN ACT REINSTATING MEDICAID FUNDING FOR DUALY-ELIGIBLE PATIENTS."

1 After line 13, add the following and renumber the remaining
2 sections accordingly:

3 "Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17b-261 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) Medical assistance shall be provided for any otherwise eligible
6 person whose income, including any available support from legally
7 liable relatives and the income of the person's spouse or dependent
8 child, is not more than one hundred forty-three per cent, pending
9 approval of a federal waiver applied for pursuant to subsection (d) of
10 this section, of the benefit amount paid to a person with no income
11 under the temporary family assistance program in the appropriate
12 region of residence and if such person is an institutionalized
13 individual, as defined in Section 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, 42
14 USC 1396p(c), and has not made an assignment or transfer or other
15 disposition of property for less than fair market value for the purpose

16 of establishing eligibility for benefits or assistance under this section.
17 Any such disposition shall be treated in accordance with Section
18 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(c). Any disposition of
19 property made on behalf of an applicant or recipient or the spouse of
20 an applicant or recipient by a guardian, conservator, person
21 authorized to make such disposition pursuant to a power of attorney
22 or other person so authorized by law shall be attributed to such
23 applicant, recipient or spouse. A disposition of property ordered by a
24 court shall be evaluated in accordance with the standards applied to
25 any other such disposition for the purpose of determining eligibility.
26 The commissioner shall establish the standards for eligibility for
27 medical assistance at one hundred forty-three per cent of the benefit
28 amount paid to a family unit of equal size with no income under the
29 temporary family assistance program in the appropriate region of
30 residence, pending federal approval, except that the medical assistance
31 program shall provide coverage to persons under the age of nineteen
32 up to one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty level
33 without an asset limit. On and after January 1, 2001, said medical
34 assistance program shall also provide coverage to persons under the
35 age of nineteen and their parents and needy caretaker relatives who
36 qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act with
37 family income up to one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty
38 level without an asset limit, upon the request of such a person or upon
39 a redetermination of eligibility. Such levels shall be based on the
40 regional differences in such benefit amount, if applicable, unless such
41 levels based on regional differences are not in conformance with
42 federal law. Any income in excess of the applicable amounts shall be
43 applied as may be required by said federal law, and assistance shall be
44 granted for the balance of the cost of authorized medical assistance. On
45 January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall
46 increase the unearned income disregard for individuals receiving
47 assistance under this section by an amount equal to the annual cost of
48 living increase in Social Security income, if any. All contracts entered
49 into on and after July 1, 1997, pursuant to this section shall include
50 provisions for collaboration of managed care organizations with the

51 Healthy Families Connecticut Program established pursuant to section
52 17a-56. The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide applicants
53 for assistance under this section, at the time of application, with a
54 written statement advising them of the effect of an assignment or
55 transfer or other disposition of property on eligibility for benefits or
56 assistance."