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**"AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EXPENDITURES."**

1 Before the repealer section, insert the following and renumber the  
2 remaining section accordingly:

3 "Sec. 116. Subsection (a) of section 17b-261 of the general statutes, as  
4 amended by section 3 of public act 01-2 of the June special session and  
5 section 129 of public act 01-9 of the June special session, is repealed  
6 and the following substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7 (a) Medical assistance shall be provided for any otherwise eligible  
8 person whose income, including any available support from legally  
9 liable relatives and the income of the person's spouse or dependent  
10 child, is not more than one hundred forty-three per cent, pending  
11 approval of a federal waiver applied for pursuant to subsection (d) of  
12 this section, of the benefit amount paid to a person with no income  
13 under the temporary family assistance program in the appropriate  
14 region of residence and if such person is an institutionalized

15 individual as defined in Section 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, 42  
16 USC 1396p(c), and has not made an assignment or transfer or other  
17 disposition of property for less than fair market value for the purpose  
18 of establishing eligibility for benefits or assistance under this section.  
19 Any such disposition shall be treated in accordance with Section  
20 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(c). Any disposition of  
21 property made on behalf of an applicant or recipient or the spouse of  
22 an applicant or recipient by a guardian, conservator, person  
23 authorized to make such disposition pursuant to a power of attorney  
24 or other person so authorized by law shall be attributed to such  
25 applicant, recipient or spouse. A disposition of property ordered by a  
26 court shall be evaluated in accordance with the standards applied to  
27 any other such disposition for the purpose of determining eligibility.  
28 The commissioner shall establish the standards for eligibility for  
29 medical assistance at one hundred forty-three per cent of the benefit  
30 amount paid to a family unit of equal size with no income under the  
31 temporary family assistance program in the appropriate region of  
32 residence, pending federal approval, except that the medical assistance  
33 program shall provide coverage to persons under the age of nineteen  
34 up to one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty level  
35 without an asset limit. On and after January 1, 2001, and until the  
36 implementation date of a waiver obtained pursuant to this act, said  
37 medical assistance program shall also provide coverage to persons  
38 under the age of nineteen and their parents and needy caretaker  
39 relatives who qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the Social  
40 Security Act with family income up to one hundred fifty per cent of the  
41 federal poverty level without an asset limit, upon the request of such a  
42 person or upon a redetermination of eligibility. The Commissioner of  
43 Social Services shall seek a waiver from federal law to permit an  
44 expansion of medical assistance provided under this section to persons  
45 with incomes up to one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal  
46 poverty level. On or after January 1, 2003, or after approval of a federal  
47 waiver whichever is later, said medical assistance program shall  
48 provide coverage to persons under nineteen years of age and their  
49 parents and needy caretaker relatives who qualify for coverage under

50 Section 1931 of the Social Security Act with family income up to one  
51 hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty level without an  
52 asset limit, provided the benefits and copayments for parents and  
53 needy caretaker relatives with incomes above one hundred fifty per  
54 cent of the federal poverty level shall be identical to that of the HUSKY  
55 Plan, Part B, and said parents and caretaker relatives shall be required  
56 to pay a premium of fifteen dollars per month. Such levels shall be  
57 based on the regional differences in such benefit amount, if applicable,  
58 unless such levels based on regional differences are not in  
59 conformance with federal law. Any income in excess of the applicable  
60 amounts shall be applied as may be required by said federal law, and  
61 assistance shall be granted for the balance of the cost of authorized  
62 medical assistance. All contracts entered into on and after July 1, 1997,  
63 pursuant to this section shall include provisions for collaboration of  
64 managed care organizations with the Healthy Families Connecticut  
65 Program established pursuant to section 17a-56. The Commissioner of  
66 Social Services shall provide applicants for assistance under this  
67 section, at the time of application, with a written statement advising  
68 them of the effect of an assignment or transfer or other disposition of  
69 property on eligibility for benefits or assistance."