



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
REP. MCCLUSKEY, 20th Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5689 File No. 608 Cal. No. 402

(As Amended)

**"AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
MENTAL RETARDATION (DMR) WAITING LIST."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (h) of section 17b-257 of the general statutes, as
4 amended by section 43 of public act 03-3 of the June 30 special session,
5 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
6 *from passage*):

7 (h) [On or before March 1, 2004, the] The Commissioner of Social
8 Services [shall] is authorized to seek a waiver of federal law other than
9 a waiver under the Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability
10 demonstration initiative to utilize, exclusively, unspent funds available
11 to the state under Title XXI for the purpose of extending health
12 insurance coverage [under Medicaid] to persons qualifying for medical
13 assistance under the state-administered general assistance program.

14 The provisions of section 17b-8 shall apply to this section.

15 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
16 Services shall not agree to any waiver or extension of a waiver
17 concerning the Medicaid program where the federal government, as a
18 condition of granting the waiver, requires the state to agree to:

19 (1) Any reductions to or limitations on the benefits or services
20 currently offered under the HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B, the
21 Medicaid program or the state-administered general assistance
22 program;

23 (2) Imposition of copayments or other cost-sharing requirements on
24 individuals participating in the HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B, the
25 Medicaid program or the state-administered general assistance
26 program, except to the extent that cost-sharing requirements were
27 imposed prior to January 1, 2003;

28 (3) Changes in the existing method of calculating federal payments
29 to Connecticut under the federal Medicaid program; or

30 (4) As a result of implementing a premium subsidy program, (A)
31 any reductions to or limitations on the benefits or services currently
32 offered under the HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B, the Medicaid
33 program or the state-administered general assistance program, or (B)
34 imposition of copayments or other cost-sharing requirements on
35 individuals currently eligible, whether or not enrolled, for the HUSKY
36 Plan, Part A and Part B, the Medicaid program or the state-
37 administered general assistance program, except to the extent that
38 cost-sharing requirements were imposed prior to January 1, 2003."