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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES
FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE
NEEDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services shall amend the state Medicaid plan to implement the
3 provisions of Section 6062 of the federal Family Opportunity Act,
4 enacted as part of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, to allow families
5 of children with special health care needs to purchase Medicaid
6 coverage. Pursuant to such plan amendment, a family with a child
7 who is under the age of nineteen and meets the disability definition
8 under the Supplemental Security Income program shall be permitted
9 to purchase Medicaid coverage through the state Medicaid plan on a
10 sliding scale basis in cases where the income of such family exceeds
11 eligibility standards for the Supplemental Security Income program
12 but does not exceed three hundred per cent of the federal poverty
13 level.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) On or after January 1, 2008, the
15 Commissioner of Social Services shall, in consultation with the

16 Commissioner of Public Health and within available appropriations,
17 establish a pilot program to improve access to health care services for
18 one hundred children with special health care needs. The pilot
19 program shall be available to families with income in excess of three
20 hundred per cent of the federal poverty level. The Commissioner of
21 Social Services may impose cost sharing and premium requirements
22 under such pilot program and may solicit and accept private and
23 federal funds to implement such pilot program.

24 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) On or before January 1, 2008,
25 the Commissioner of Social Services shall apply for a waiver from the
26 State Children's Health Insurance Program, under Section 1115 of the
27 Social Security Act, 42 USC 1315, as amended from time to time, to
28 provide complementary health care coverage to families with children
29 with special health care needs for services available through HUSKY
30 Plus programs that are not covered by private insurance. Such waiver
31 shall provide complementary health care coverage to families with
32 private insurance and income at or below three hundred per cent of
33 the federal poverty level. Families with private insurance and income
34 above three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level may elect to
35 buy in to the program. The commissioner may prescribe premium and
36 cost sharing requirements for all families participating in the program.
37 Funding for such expanded health care coverage shall be provided
38 through a reallocation of unspent state children's health insurance plan
39 funds.

40 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Commissioner of Social
41 Services shall ensure that all managed care health plans with which the
42 department contracts for the delivery of health care services to HUSKY
43 Plan, Part A enrollees, establish a fee schedule for reimbursement to
44 providers offering case management services to HUSKY Plan, Part A
45 enrollees with complex physical and mental health care needs, and
46 that the fee under such schedule not be less than the fee paid by the
47 department to providers offering case management services to
48 children with complex behavioral health needs. All such managed care

49 health plans shall report quarterly to the Department of Social Services
50 individual data on all provider case management claims, including
51 paid claims and denied claims along with the reasons for any claim
52 denials.

53 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of five hundred fifty thousand
54 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the
55 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose
56 of allowing the Katie Beckett waiver program, established pursuant to
57 section 17b-283 of the general statutes, to expand services to two
58 hundred persons as specified in statute.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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