



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 659

LCO No. 3026

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT REPLACING EXPEDITED ELIGIBILITY FOR PREGNANT WOMEN WITH PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-277 of the 2008 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

4 (b) The commissioner shall [expedite] implement presumptive
5 eligibility for appropriate pregnant women applicants for the Medicaid
6 program [The process for making expedited eligibility determinations
7 concerning needy pregnant women shall ensure that emergency
8 applications for assistance, as determined by the commissioner, shall
9 be processed no later than twenty-four hours after receipt of all
10 required information from the applicant, and that nonemergency
11 applications for assistance, as determined by the commissioner, shall
12 be processed no later than five calendar days after the date of receipt of
13 all required information from the applicant] in accordance with section
14 1920 of the Social Security Act. The commissioner shall designate
15 qualified entities to receive and determine presumptive eligibility

16 under this section consistent with the provisions of federal law and
17 regulations.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | January 1, 2008 | 17b-277(b) |

Statement of Purpose:

To replace the current expedited eligibility process for pregnant women with the presumptive eligibility process under section 1920 of the Social Security Act.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]