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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID LONG-TERM CARE COVERAGE FOR MARRIED COUPLES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of subsection (g) of section 17b-261 of the general statutes,
3 the Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid state
4 plan to require that the spouse of an institutionalized person who is
5 applying for Medicaid receives the maximum community spouse
6 protected amount, as determined pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5. The
7 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of
8 the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
10 Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to require that funds
11 derived from equity in home property through a reverse annuity
12 mortgage loan or other home equity conversion loan are not treated as
13 income for the purpose of qualifying for benefits under the Medicaid
14 program, provided (1) such funds are held in an account that does not
15 contain any other funds, and (2) the Medicaid recipient does not
16 transfer such funds to another person for less than fair market value.

- 17 The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter
18 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to amend the Medicaid state plan so that the community spouse of an institutionalized individual receives the maximum protected amount, as determined by federal law, and the proceeds of a reverse mortgage loan is not treated as income for the purpose of qualifying for Medicaid benefits.

[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.]