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Introduced by:

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***AN ACT ADJUSTING INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR
MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-256f of the 2012 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 Beginning [October 1, 2009] March 1, 2012, and annually thereafter,
5 the Commissioner of Social Services shall increase income disregards
6 used to determine eligibility by the Department of Social Services for
7 the federal Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary, the Qualified
8 Medicare Beneficiary and the Qualifying Individual Programs,
9 administered in accordance with the provisions of 42 USC 1396d(p), by
10 an amount that equalizes the income levels and deductions used to
11 determine eligibility for said programs with income levels and
12 deductions used to determine eligibility for the ConnPACE program
13 under subsection (a) of section 17b-492. The commissioner shall not
14 apply an asset test for eligibility under the Medicare Savings Program.

15 The Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to section 17b-10, may
16 implement policies and procedures to administer the provisions of this
17 section while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures
18 in regulation form, provided the commissioner prints notice of the
19 intent to adopt the regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later
20 than twenty days after the date of implementation. Such policies and
21 procedures shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-256f