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Public Act No. 12-1

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

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

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 Section 17b-256f of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Beginning [October 1, 2009] March 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Social Services shall increase income disregards used to determine eligibility by the Department of Social Services for the federal Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary, the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary and the Qualifying Individual Programs, administered in accordance with the provisions of 42 USC 1396d(p), by an amount that equalizes the income levels and deductions used to determine eligibility for said programs with income levels and deductions used to determine eligibility for the ConnPACE program under subsection (a) of section 17b-492. The commissioner shall not apply an asset test for eligibility under the Medicare Savings Program. The Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to section 17b-10, may implement policies and procedures to administer the provisions of this section while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form, provided the commissioner prints notice of the

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intent to adopt the regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days after the date of implementation. Such policies and procedures shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.

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