



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1084

LCO No. 4307



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING DELAYS IN MEDICAID APPLICATION PROCESSING.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-261 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (k) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 (NEW) (k) Not later than April 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Social
4 Services shall utilize technology to ensure that applications for medical
5 assistance under the Medicaid program established pursuant to Title
6 XIX of the Social Security Act are processed with reasonable
7 promptness. The commissioner shall ensure that an eligibility
8 determination is made on non-disability-based eligibility applications
9 for Medicaid not later than forty-five days after the date of receipt by
10 the Department of Social Services and not later than ninety days after
11 the date of receipt of disability-based Medicaid applications.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) Not later than April 1, 2014, the
13 Commissioner of Social Services shall establish a streamlined, uniform
14 process to determine Medicaid eligibility for applicants who are

15 receiving or requesting to receive home and community-based care.
16 Such process shall include, but not be limited to, development of a
17 prescreening tool to be used by the Department of Social Services or its
18 designee to identify in an initial assessment those applicants who are
19 (1) more likely than not to qualify for Medicaid coverage based on
20 their assets and income, and (2) functionally able to receive care in a
21 home or community-based setting. Whenever such applicant for
22 Medicaid has not received an eligibility determination within ninety
23 days of completing such application, the department shall make a
24 presumptive Medicaid eligibility determination and begin providing
25 such-eligible applicant paid home and community-based care.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	17b-261
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that the Department of Social Services has implemented technology by April 1, 2014, to ensure prompt processing of Medicaid applications.

[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.]