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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID APPLICATIONS BY MARRIED PERSONS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than February 1, 2015,
2 the Commissioner of Social Services shall, in accordance with the
3 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the
4 Commissioner on Aging and the joint standing committees of the
5 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging and
6 human services data concerning married persons who have applied for
7 Medicaid during the calendar year ending December 31, 2014. The
8 Commissioner of Social Services shall include in the report:

9 (1) The total number of married persons who applied for Medicaid;

10 (2) The combined marital assets of each married person who applies
11 for Medicaid and his or her spouse;

12 (3) Separate totals for each spouse of non-exempt assets and exempt
13 assets under Medicaid income eligibility rules;

14 (4) The dollar amount that the spouse of an institutionalized person
15 was allowed to keep under the community spouse protected amount
16 formula pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2);

17 (5) The number of days that elapsed from the date of a married
18 person's application for Medicaid to a determination of Medicaid
19 eligibility;

20 (6) The number and outcome of administrative appeals filed by or
21 on behalf of such married couples seeking (A) enhancement of the
22 community spouse protected amount, and (B) substantiation of the
23 community spouse protected amount;

24 (7) The number of fair hearings conducted pursuant to section 17b-
25 60 of the general statutes concerning the community spouse's income
26 amount based upon (A) the formula for housing costs of the
27 community spouse, and (B) the low income of the community spouse;
28 and

29 (8) The average number of staff hours spent evaluating applications
30 for the determination of spousal assets and calculating the community
31 spouse's protected amount.

32 (b) The commissioner shall ensure that the report filed pursuant to
33 subsection (a) of this section does not contain the names, addresses or
34 personally identifiable information of any couple whose data is
35 included.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that lawmakers have adequate data concerning married couples who apply for Medicaid.

[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.]