



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 911**

LCO No. 3479



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRENATAL CARE.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) As used in this section and  
2 section 17b-292 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, "unborn  
3 child option" means a state option available under the Children's Health  
4 Insurance Program pursuant to Title XXI of the Social Security Act, as  
5 amended from time to time, that allows states to consider an unborn  
6 child a low-income child eligible for coverage of prenatal care if other  
7 conditions of eligibility under the Children's Health Insurance Program  
8 are met. Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section,  
9 the Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the state plan for the  
10 Children's Health Insurance Program under Title XXI of the Social  
11 Security Act, as amended from time to time, to provide medical  
12 assistance for prenatal care through the "unborn child option".

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 17b-292 of the general statutes is  
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
15 *passage*):

16 (d) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section,  
17 the Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the state plan for the  
18 Children's Health Insurance Program pursuant to Title XXI of the Social  
19 Security Act, as amended from time to time, to provide medical  
20 assistance for prenatal care through the "unborn child option". A  
21 newborn child who otherwise meets the eligibility criteria for HUSKY B  
22 shall be eligible for benefits retroactive to his or her date of birth,  
23 provided an application is filed on behalf of the child not later than  
24 thirty days after such date. Any uninsured child born in a hospital in  
25 this state or in a border state hospital shall be enrolled on an expedited  
26 basis in HUSKY B, provided (1) the parent or caretaker relative of such  
27 child resides in this state, and (2) the parent or caretaker relative of such  
28 child authorizes enrollment in the program. The commissioner shall pay  
29 any premium cost such household would otherwise incur for the first  
30 four months of coverage.

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>	17b-292(d)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to provide prenatal care under the Children's Health Insurance Program, or "HUSKY B", under a state plan amendment.

*[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.]*