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**Amendment**

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To: House Bill No. 6687

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN  
AND ADULTS WITHOUT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 17b-261 of the general statutes is amended by  
4 adding subsection (l) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

5 (l) On and after January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Social Services  
6 shall, within available appropriations, provide state-funded medical  
7 assistance to any child eight years of age and younger, regardless of  
8 immigration status, whose household income does not exceed two  
9 hundred one per cent of the federal poverty level without an asset limit  
10 and who does not otherwise qualify for Medicaid, the Children's Health  
11 Insurance Program, or an offer of affordable, employer-sponsored  
12 insurance as defined in the Affordable Care Act, as an employee or a  
13 dependent of an employee.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) On or after April 1, 2023, the

15 Commissioner of Social Services, shall, within available appropriations,  
16 provide state-funded medical assistance for postpartum care for twelve  
17 months after birth to a woman who does not qualify for Medicaid due  
18 to immigration status and whose household income does not exceed  
19 two hundred sixty-three per cent of the federal poverty level.

20 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 17b-292 of the general statutes is  
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
22 *1, 2021*):

23 (a) A child who resides in a household with household income  
24 [which] that exceeds one hundred ninety-six per cent of the federal  
25 poverty level [and] but does not exceed three hundred eighteen per cent  
26 of the federal poverty level may be eligible for benefits under HUSKY  
27 B. Not later than January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Social Services  
28 shall, within available appropriations, provide state-funded medical  
29 assistance to any child eight years of age and younger, regardless of  
30 immigration status, with a household income that exceeds two hundred  
31 one per cent of the federal poverty level but does not exceed three  
32 hundred twenty-three per cent of the federal poverty level, and who  
33 does not otherwise qualify for Medicaid, the Children's Health  
34 Insurance Program, or an offer of affordable, employer-sponsored  
35 insurance as defined in the Affordable Care Act, as an employee or a  
36 dependent of an employee.

37 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) As used in this section,  
38 "unborn child option" means a state option available under the  
39 Children's Health Insurance Program pursuant to Title XXI of the Social  
40 Security Act, as amended from time to time, that allows states to  
41 consider an unborn child a low-income child eligible for coverage of  
42 prenatal care if other conditions of eligibility under the Children's  
43 Health Insurance Program are met. Not later than April 1, 2022, the  
44 Commissioner of Social Services shall provide medical assistance for  
45 prenatal care through the unborn child option under the medical  
46 assistance program established pursuant to section 17b-292 of the  
47 general statutes. The commissioner shall amend the state plan for the

48 Children's Health Insurance Program to provide such medical  
49 assistance.

50 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Executive Director of the  
51 Office of Health Strategy, in consultation with the Office of Policy and  
52 Management, the Department of Social Services, the Connecticut  
53 Insurance Department and the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange  
54 established pursuant to section 38a-1081 of the general statutes, shall  
55 study the feasibility of offering health care coverage for (1) income-  
56 eligible children ages nine to eighteen, inclusive, regardless of  
57 immigration status, who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, the  
58 Children's Health Insurance Program, or an offer of affordable  
59 employer sponsored insurance as defined in the Affordable Care Act, as  
60 an employee or a dependent of an employee, and (2) adults with  
61 household income not exceeding two hundred per cent of the federal  
62 poverty level who do not otherwise qualify for medical assistance, an  
63 offer of affordable, employer-sponsored insurance as defined in the  
64 Affordable Care Act, as an employee or a dependent of an employee, or  
65 health care coverage through the Connecticut Health Insurance  
66 Exchange due to household income.

67 (b) The study on the feasibility of providing health care coverage to  
68 income-eligible children ages nine to eighteen, inclusive, shall include,  
69 but not be limited to: (1) The age groups that would be provided medical  
70 assistance in each year, and appropriations necessary to provide such  
71 assistance, (2) income eligibility criteria and health care coverage  
72 consistent with the medical assistance programs established pursuant to  
73 sections 17b-261 and 17b-292 of the general statutes, and (3)  
74 recommendations for identifying and enrolling such children in such  
75 coverage.

76 (c) The study on the feasibility of providing health care coverage for  
77 adults with household income not exceeding two hundred per cent of  
78 the federal poverty level shall include, but not be limited to: (1)  
79 Household income caps for adults who would be provided health care  
80 coverage in each year, and appropriations necessary to provide such

81 coverage, (2) health care coverage consistent with the medical assistance  
 82 programs established pursuant to section 17b-261 of the general statutes  
 83 and the HUSKY D program as defined in section 17b-290 of the general  
 84 statutes, and (3) recommendations for identifying and enrolling such  
 85 adults in such coverage.

86 (d) Not later than July 1, 2022, the executive director shall report, in  
 87 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
 88 on provisions of the feasibility study to the joint standing committees of  
 89 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 90 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, human services and  
 91 insurance and real estate.

92 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) The Commissioner of Social  
 93 Services may seek a state innovation waiver pursuant to Section 1332 of  
 94 the Affordable Care Act or enter into contractual agreements, including,  
 95 but not limited to, contractual agreements with other states, in  
 96 accordance with established procedures, as may be necessary for the  
 97 discharge of the Commissioner's duties under this act."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |             |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2021</i> | 17b-261     |
| Sec. 2  | <i>October 1, 2021</i> | New section |
| Sec. 3  | <i>October 1, 2021</i> | 17b-292(a)  |
| Sec. 4  | <i>October 1, 2021</i> | New section |
| Sec. 5  | <i>from passage</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 6  | <i>October 1, 2021</i> | New section |