

Connecticut
Medicaid
Managed
Care Council

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Highlights of the 2005-2007 Budget: HUSKY Program

Sources: HB No 7000, LCO 8230, OFA "Highlights of Biennial budget"

- ✓ Re-establish HUSKY A eligibility for parents/caregivers of children with family incomes between **100-150% FPL** (Sec. 1, a). Impose cost sharing requirements on all HUSKY A parent/caregivers with incomes exceeding 100% FPL (sec 1, i):
 - \$25 per month per parent/caregiver
 - \$1 co-payment for outpatient medical services.

- ✓ Reduce Transitional Medicaid Assistance (TMA) from 2 years to one year for families that become ineligible for medical assistance under Section 1931 of the SSA due to income from employment. (Sec 1, f).

- ✓ Eliminate self-declaration of income for HUSKY A & B applications.(Sec 5, h).

- ✓ Health Plan lock-in: clients enrolled in a managed care plan in HUSKY A or B shall remain enrolled in the health plan for 12 months unless there is "good cause" reason, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, to change managed care plans. (Sec 9, i).

- ✓ New/increased cost sharing responsibility for HUSKY B:
 - Impose new cost sharing for Band 1 (185-235% FPL); the annual aggregate of the combined premiums & co-payments cannot exceed 5% of the family's gross annual income.
 - Increase premium requirement on families in Band 2 (>235-300%FPL).
 - Each MCO will monitor member cost sharing payments.

- ✓ Re-established Presumptive Eligibility for HUSKY A children. (Sec 9,f).

- ✓ Implement “expedited eligibility” for pregnant women applicants to HUSKY A. (Sec 8 b,c).
Upon receipt of all required information:
 - “Emergency” applications will be processed no later than 24 hours.
 - “Non-emergency” applications will be processed no later than five (5) calendar days.
 - DSS shall submit biannual reports to the Medicaid Council on agency’s compliance with these administrative processing requirements.

- ✓ DSS shall develop a new contract for an enrollment broker upon the expiration of the current contract, with specified performance measures, applicable sanctions. The new contract period will not exceed 7 years. (Sec 9, h).

- ✓ Behavioral Health Partnership (DSS & DCF) provisions, including implementation of an integrated BHB system, establishment of an Oversight Council, scope of oversight, administrative entity (Sec 93-102).

- ✓ Under Medicaid, DSS shall develop & implement a 2-year pilot for 100 individual ages 19-20 with co-occurring chronic health conditions that are ineligible for SAGA due to parent income.