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Committee Bill No. 34

LCO No. 1773



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:
(APP)

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE COVERED CONNECTICUT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) The sum of ___ dollars is
2 appropriated to the Office of Health Strategy from the General Fund, for
3 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for the purpose of expanding the
4 Covered Connecticut program to families earning up to three hundred
5 per cent of the federal poverty level.

6 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 19a-754c of the 2022 supplement to
7 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
8 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

9 (b) There is established within the Office of Health Strategy the
10 Covered Connecticut program for the purpose of reducing the state's
11 uninsured rate. The Office of Health Strategy shall administer said
12 program in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services,
13 Insurance Commissioner and exchange, and, as part of said program,
14 the Office of Health Strategy shall:

15 (1) Provide premium and cost-sharing subsidies that are sufficient to

16 ensure fully subsidized coverage:

17 (A) On and after July 1, [2021] 2023, for parents and needy caretaker
18 relatives, and their tax dependents not older than twenty-six years of
19 age, who (i) are eligible for premium and cost-sharing subsidies for a
20 qualified health plan, (ii) are ineligible for Medicaid because their
21 income exceeds the Medicaid income limits under chapter 319v, (iii)
22 have household income up to [one hundred seventy-five] three hundred
23 per cent of the federal poverty level, and (iv) are receiving coverage
24 under the benchmark qualified health plan offered through the
25 exchange in the individual market at a silver level of coverage; and

26 (B) On and after July 1, [2022] 2023, for all parents, needy caretaker
27 relatives and nonpregnant low-income adults who (i) are between
28 eighteen and sixty-four years of age, (ii) are eligible for premium and
29 cost-sharing subsidies for a qualified health plan, (iii) are ineligible for
30 Medicaid because their income exceeds the Medicaid income limits
31 under chapter 319v, (iv) have household income up to [one hundred
32 seventy-five] three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level, and
33 (v) are receiving coverage under the benchmark qualified health plan
34 offered through the exchange in the individual market at a silver level
35 of coverage;

36 (2) [Not earlier than July 1, 2022] On and after July 1, 2023, provide
37 dental and nonemergency medical transportation services, as provided
38 under chapter 319v, to all parents, needy caretaker relatives and
39 nonpregnant low-income adults who (A) are between eighteen and
40 sixty-four years of age, (B) are eligible for premium and cost-sharing
41 subsidies for a qualified health plan, (C) are ineligible for Medicaid
42 because their income exceeds the Medicaid income limits under chapter
43 319v, (D) have household income up to [one hundred seventy-five]
44 three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level, and (E) are receiving
45 coverage under the benchmark qualified health plan offered through
46 the exchange in the individual market at a silver level of coverage;

47 (3) Establish procedures to, on a quarterly basis, pay in

48 reimbursement to each health carrier offering the qualified health plan
49 described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivision (1) of this
50 subsection, as applicable, the premium and cost-sharing subsidies
51 required under subdivision (1) of this subsection to ensure fully
52 subsidized coverage; and

53 (4) Consult with the Commissioner of Social Services and Insurance
54 Commissioner for the purposes set forth in section 17b-312.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	19a-754c(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the Covered Connecticut program to benefit the state's middle class.

[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.]

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