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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 980**

#### ***AN ACT ELIMINATING INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS FOR THE MED-CONNECT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill eliminates the income and asset limits for Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities (MED-Connect). By law, unchanged by the bill, enrollees must (1) be engaged in substantial and reasonable work effort as determined by the Department of Social Services (DSS) and as permitted by federal law and (2) pay a premium based on their countable income over 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). (In 2021, 200% of the FPL is \$25,760 for an individual and \$34,840 for a family of two.)

Additionally, the bill requires DSS to post required notices of its intention to adopt regulations on the eRegulations system rather than in the Connecticut Law Journal. It also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities***

MED-Connect provides full Medicaid coverage to employed individuals who have a medically certified disability or blindness and are working for taxable wages. (Self-employed individuals must pay self-employment taxes to the Internal Revenue Service in order to qualify.) The program's current income limit is \$75,000 per year, and the current asset limit is \$10,000 for an individual and \$15,000 for a married couple.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 2 (03/31/2021)