

**IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL # 980
AN ACT ELIMINATING INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS FOR THE MED-
CONNECT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Richard Famiglietti of East Haven CT. I have been and still employed at the Center for Disability Rights on the Medicaid for the Employed Disabled when it began October 2000. MED program currently has income limit of 75k and asset of 10k for single 15k married. This is very limiting when planning future with lifelong disability (home, family, kids college etc....).

It is about time CT removed the income asset limit for the now called MED-Connect program. However, that does absolutely nothing for anyone who retires with the same significant disability needing the same services as needed while working.

I am in support of this raised bill. However, it is short coming. Income asset limits for non-working needs to be included. AND if on the med-connect and then retire, then the same eligibility income asset limits and premiums should continue after retirement or if back on ssdi.

Why should ONLY the working be able to afford Medicaid?

NOTE: numbers are ballpark to illustrate the injustice of it all.

Working \$30k/yr pays maybe \$100/mth for Medicaid. Income of non-working disabled led spenddowns could be \$200 or \$300 mths for income between \$1000 & \$1500 per month.

YOU SHOULD REALIZE BY NOW REDUCING/LIMITING ACCESS TO MEDICIAD MEANS MORE N/F PLACEMENT. THEESE LOW ELIGIBILTY LIMITS CONTRADICT MFP PURPOSE. USE THAT MFP SAVINGS PUT IT TWARDS MEDICIAD.

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