



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

**Raised Bill No. 956**

LCO No. 3828



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN  
INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.**

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

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

3 (NEW) (l) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of  
4 Social Services shall provide medical assistance to any person who  
5 otherwise meets income eligibility guidelines (1) pursuant to subsection  
6 (a) of this section, or (2) for HUSKY D, as defined in section 17b-290,  
7 regardless of immigration status.

8 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17b-277 of the general statutes is  
9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
10 *2021*):

11 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide, in accordance  
12 with federal law and regulations, medical assistance under the Medicaid  
13 program to needy pregnant women whose families have an income not

14 exceeding two hundred fifty-eight per cent of the federal poverty level.  
15 Within available appropriations, the commissioner shall provide  
16 medical assistance to such women regardless of such women's  
17 immigration status.

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19 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  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

21 (a) A child who resides in a household with household income which  
22 exceeds one hundred ninety-six per cent of the federal poverty level and  
23 does not exceed three hundred eighteen per cent of the federal poverty  
24 level may be eligible for benefits under HUSKY B, regardless of  
25 immigration status.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-261
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-277(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-292(a)

**HS**      *Joint Favorable*