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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sSB 82

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

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill expands eligibility for Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities (MED-Connect, see BACKGROUND) by eliminating the program's income and asset limits.

Specifically, the bill eliminates the MED-Connect program's current annual income limit of \$75,000 and its asset limit of \$10,000 for individuals and \$15,000 for married couples. By law, unchanged by the bill, enrollees must (1) be engaged in a 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).

Additionally, the bill codifies current practice by requiring DSS to post required notices of its intent to adopt regulations on the eRegulations system, rather than in the Connecticut Law Journal. It also makes several technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

#### **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 to qualify.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 6 (02/14/2023)