



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 978**

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE COVERED CONNECTICUT PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-312 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall seek, in accordance  
4 with the provisions of section 17b-8 and in consultation with the  
5 Insurance Commissioner and the Office of Health Strategy established  
6 under section 19a-754a, a waiver under Section 1115 of the Social  
7 Security Act, as amended from time to time, to [seek] obtain federal  
8 funds to support the Covered Connecticut program established under  
9 section 19a-754c. Upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and  
10 Medicaid Services, the Commissioner of Social Services shall  
11 implement the waiver.

12 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall amend the  
13 waiver submitted in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, to  
14 the extent permissible under federal law and in accordance with  
15 section 17b-8, to provide coverage through the Covered Connecticut  
16 program to persons otherwise qualified for the program whose income  
17 does not exceed two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level. The  
18 commissioner shall consult with the Insurance Commissioner and the

