

# SB 3: An Act Concerning Healthcare Affordability

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## 1 What is SB 3?

SB 3 establishes the Connecticut Option affordable health care program.



## 2 The Connecticut Option would:

- Provide short-term relief by offering state subsidies through the end of 2027 on Access Health CT.
  - Establish a Basic Health Program for individuals with incomes between 133% and 200% of the FPL.
  - Create the Connecticut Affordable Health Care Trust Fund with \$200 million from the existing Federal Cuts Response Fund to support near-term subsidies on Access Health CT and develop long-term affordable coverage options.
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## 3 Federal Cuts to Healthcare are Harming CT

- As of January 2026, about 5000 Green Card holders have had their eligibility for subsidies to enroll in Access Health CT plans eliminated, with *no affordable alternative*
- As of October 2026, refugees, asylees, victims of trafficking, and SIV holders will also lose access.
- New income verification and work requirements are expected to result in an additional 100,000-200,000 CT residents losing their Medicaid (HUSKY D) coverage



# SB 497: An Act Concerning Food Security

## 1 What is SB 497?

*SB 497 establishes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Transitional Benefit Program for vulnerable persons at risk of losing their SNAP benefits due to federal work requirements and eligibility changes.*



## 2 SB 497 would:

- Ensure that veterans receive SNAP benefits regardless of federal work requirements.
- Establish the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Transitional Benefit Account with \$40 million from the existing Federal Cuts Response Fund authorized during last fall's special legislative session.

## 3 Why SB 497 Matters

- SNAP cuts will disproportionately impact immigrants, Black and brown communities, and low-income households.
- 36,000 CT residents (10%) risk losing benefits between Dec 2026–March 2027.
- Federal changes add barriers and eliminate eligibility for many legally present immigrants.
- SNAP strengthens communities—\$1 invested returns \$10–\$20 in economic and health benefits.

