

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1485**

Introduced by

Representatives McLeod, Rios, Satrom, Schauer, Swiontek, Weisz, Karls, Wagner

Senators Lee, Dever, Hogan, Cleary

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-02.6 of the North Dakota Century
2 Code, relating to the personal needs allowance amount for eligible beneficiaries; to provide for
3 an increase in the personal monthly needs allowance; and to provide an appropriation.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.1-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **50-24.1-02.6. Medical assistance benefits - Eligibility criteria.**

- 8 1. The department shall provide medical assistance benefits to otherwise eligible
9 persons who are medically needy persons who have countable income that does not
10 exceed an amount determined under subsection 2.
- 11 2. The department shall establish an income level for medically needy persons at an
12 amount no less than required by federal law.
- 13 3. The department shall provide medical assistance benefits to children and families
14 coverage groups and pregnant women without consideration of assets.
- 15 4. The department shall provide medical assistance benefits to otherwise eligible
16 pregnant women who are lawfully present in the United States.
- 17 5. The department may require, as a condition of eligibility, individuals eligible for
18 Medicare part A, B, or D to apply for such coverage.
- 19 6. The department shall provide a personal monthly needs allowance, to be reviewed
20 and adjusted annually based on inflation.

21 **SECTION 2. PERSONAL MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCE INCREASE.** The department
22 of health and human services shall increase the personal monthly needs allowance by fifteen

1 dollars for an individual covered under section 50-24.1-02.6, for the biennium beginning July 1,
2 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

3 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
4 **PERSONAL MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCE INCREASE.** There is appropriated out of any
5 moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
6 \$762,894, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from other funds derived from
7 federal and special funds, the sum of \$689,466, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to
8 the department of health and human services for the purpose of a personal monthly needs
9 allowance increase, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.