

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### 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 50-24.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,~~  
2 ~~relating to the personal needs allowance amount for eligible beneficiaries.~~for an Act to amend  
3 and reenact section 50-24.1-02.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the personal  
4 needs allowance amount for eligible beneficiaries.

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

6 ~~—SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 50-24.5-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is-~~  
7 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

8 ~~—50-24.5-02. Powers and duties of the department.-~~

9 ~~—The department shall:~~

10 ~~—1.—Administer aid to vulnerable aged, blind, and disabled persons and supervise and~~  
11 ~~direct human service zones in the administration of aid to vulnerable aged, blind, and~~  
12 ~~disabled persons.~~

13 ~~—2.—Supplement, within the limits of legislative appropriation, the income of an eligible~~  
14 ~~beneficiary receiving necessary basic care services to the extent that the eligible~~  
15 ~~beneficiary lacks income sufficient to meet the cost of that care, provided at rates~~  
16 ~~determined by the department adjusted by the inflation rate for basic care services~~  
17 ~~used to develop the legislative appropriation for the department.~~

18 ~~—3.—Pay qualified basic care providers at rates determined by the department, within the~~  
19 ~~limits of legislative appropriation.~~

20 ~~—4.—Issue payment to basic care facilities for services provided to an eligible beneficiary.~~

1 ~~5. Take action and give directions necessary to implement this chapter.~~

2 ~~6. Provide a monthly personal needs allowance, to be reviewed and adjusted~~  
3 ~~annually based on inflation, in an amount no less than one hundred ten dollars.~~

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

6 **50-24.1-02.6. Medical assistance benefits - Eligibility criteria.**

7 1. The department shall provide medical assistance benefits to otherwise eligible  
8 persons who are medically needy persons who have countable income that does not  
9 exceed an amount determined under subsection 2.

10 2. The department shall establish an income level for medically needy persons at an  
11 amount no less than required by federal law.

12 3. The department shall provide medical assistance benefits to children and families  
13 coverage groups and pregnant women without consideration of assets.

14 4. The department shall provide medical assistance benefits to otherwise eligible  
15 pregnant women who are lawfully present in the United States.

16 5. The department may require, as a condition of eligibility, individuals eligible for  
17 Medicare part A, B, or D to apply for such coverage.

18 6. The department shall provide a personal monthly needs allowance, to be reviewed  
19 and adjusted annually based on inflation, in an amount not less than one hundred ten  
20 dollars.