Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## FIRST ENGROSSMENT

## **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.

## 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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.

- The department shall provide medical assistance benefits to otherwise eligible
   persons who are medically needy persons who have countable income that does not
   exceed an amount determined under subsection 2.
- The department shall establish an income level for medically needy persons at an
   amount no less than required by federal law.
- The department shall provide medical assistance benefits to children and families
   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.
- 186.The department shall provide a personal monthly needs allowance, to be reviewed19and adjusted annually based on inflation, in an amount not less than one hundred ten
- 20 <u>dollars.</u>