

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate 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.

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.**

- 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 fifty
20 dollars.