

**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; and to provide
3 for an increase in the personal monthly needs allowance.

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

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- 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.