

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1485
(Representatives McLeod, Rios, Satrom, Schauer, Swiontek, Weisz, Karls, Wagner)
(Senators Lee, Dever, Hogan, Cleary)

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

1. 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.
2. The department shall establish an income level for medically needy persons at an amount no less than required by federal law.
3. The department shall provide medical assistance benefits to children and families coverage groups and pregnant women without consideration of assets.
4. The department shall provide medical assistance benefits to otherwise eligible pregnant women who are lawfully present in the United States.
5. The department may require, as a condition of eligibility, individuals eligible for Medicare part A, B, or D to apply for such coverage.
6. The department shall provide a personal monthly needs allowance, to be reviewed and adjusted annually based on inflation.

SECTION 2. PERSONAL MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCE INCREASE. The department of health and human services shall increase the personal monthly needs allowance by fifteen dollars for an individual covered under section 50-24.1-02.6, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1485.

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 2 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 1 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State