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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1485

Introduced by

Representatives McLeod, Rios, Satrom, Schauer, Swiontek, Weisz, Karls, Wagner

Senators Lee, Dever, Hogan, Cleary

In place of amendment (25.1018.02006) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed House Bill No. 1485 is amended by amendment (25.1018.02007) as follows:

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

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.

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

4 **SECTION 2. PERSONAL MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCE INCREASE.** The department
5 of health and human services shall increase the personal monthly needs allowance by fifteen
6 dollars for an individual covered under section 50-24.1-02.6, for the biennium beginning July 1,
7 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

8 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
9 **PERSONAL MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCE INCREASE.** There is appropriated out of any
10 moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
11 \$762,894, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, and from other funds derived from
12 federal and special funds, the sum of \$689,466, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to
13 the department of health and human services for the purpose of a personal monthly needs
14 allowance increase, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.