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Short Title: Medicaid Eligibility/COLA.

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Sponsors: Representative Insko.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
3 SERVICES TO ADOPT A POLICY ALLOWING A CERTAIN INCOME
4 DISREGARD UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
7 Medical Assistance, shall adopt and implement a policy that will prevent a Medicaid
8 recipient from immediately losing Medicaid eligibility due solely to an increase in the
9 recipient's income resulting from cost-of-living adjustments to social security or
10 supplemental security payments. The policy shall provide that if a Medicaid recipient's
11 income increases due to a cost-of-living adjustment to social security or supplemental
12 security payments, the recipient will not be made ineligible for Medicaid on that basis
13 until after adjustments are made to the federal poverty level for that same year. If the
14 recipient's income meets the adjusted federal poverty guidelines, then the cost-of-living
15 adjustment to social security or supplemental security payments shall be disregarded
16 when determining the recipient's income for Medicaid eligibility.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.