

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Approved May 6, 1991

CHAPTER 122

OBSTETRICAL AND NEWBORN INDIGENT PATIENT CARE PROGRAM

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AN ACT relating to the obstetrical and newborn indigent patients care program by providing for the reversion of the unencumbered balance to the state general fund and by increasing the income eligibility level for the payment of indigent obstetrical and newborn care costs.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 255A.5, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:
255A.5 MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS.

The Iowa department of public health, in collaboration with the department of human services and in consultation with the Iowa state association of counties, shall adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 17A, establishing minimum standards for eligibility for obstetrical and newborn care, including physician examination, medical testing, ambulance services, and inpatient transportation costs, for indigent obstetrical and newborn care provided by the University university of Iowa hospitals and clinics and by other licensed hospitals and physicians. The minimum standards for eligibility shall provide eligibility for persons with incomes at or below one hundred fifty eighty-five percent of the annual revision of the poverty income guidelines published by the United States department of health and human services, and shall provide, but shall not be limited to providing, eligibility for uninsured and underinsured persons financially unable to pay for necessary obstetrical and newborn care and orthopedic care. The minimum standards may include a spend-down provision. The resource standards shall be set at or above the resource standards under the federal supplemental security income program. The resource exclusions allowed under the federal supplemental security income program shall be allowed and shall include resources necessary for self-employment.

Sec. 2. Section 255A.14, Code 1991, is repealed.

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