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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the eligibility of certain employed persons  
2 with a disability under the medical assistance program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, subsection 2, Code 1999, is  
2 amended by adding the following new lettered paragraph before  
3 paragraph a and renumbering the subsequent paragraphs:

4 NEW PARAGRAPH. a. Individuals who are defined as disabled  
5 persons pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1396(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII), who  
6 are members of families whose family net income, based upon  
7 the family's combined income including all earnings, is less  
8 than two hundred fifty percent of the most recently revised  
9 poverty income guidelines published by the United States  
10 department of health and human services, and who, but for  
11 employment earnings in excess of the limit established under  
12 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(q)(2)(B) would be eligible for federal  
13 supplemental security income. Individuals eligible for  
14 assistance under this paragraph who are not eligible under  
15 another provision of this section shall pay a premium and a  
16 cost-sharing amount. The cost-sharing amount, which shall be  
17 paid by the individual to the state as a client contribution  
18 on a payment basis adopted by rule of the department, shall be  
19 equivalent to the individual's amount of unearned income which  
20 is in excess of the federal supplemental security income  
21 standard cash benefit. The premium payment amount shall be  
22 based on a sliding fee schedule adopted by rule of the  
23 department and based on a percentage of the individual's  
24 adjusted earned net income. In addition, the sliding fee  
25 schedule shall provide for a disregard of ten thousand dollars  
26 in resources held by the individual and a disregard of amounts  
27 deposited in retirement and medical savings accounts held by  
28 the individual. The sliding fee amount shall be commensurate  
29 with comparable premium amounts required by private insurers  
30 in the state. This paragraph shall be implemented no later  
31 than January 1, 2000.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill provides that under the optional categories to be  
34 covered under the medical assistance program, the highest  
35 priority is provision of coverage to disabled persons with

1 family net incomes less than 250 percent of the federal  
2 poverty level, who would otherwise be eligible for federal  
3 supplemental security income but for income generated through  
4 their employment. If the person is eligible for medical  
5 assistance under this new provision the person must pay an  
6 amount in cost-sharing and a premium, based upon a sliding fee  
7 schedule established by rule of the department.

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