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APPROPRIATIONS

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the personal needs allowance amount provided  
2 under the medical assistance program to persons residing in  
3 health care facilities, and making an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE.

2 The department of human services shall adopt rules which  
3 provide that the personal needs allowance under the medical  
4 assistance program, which is retained by a resident of a  
5 health care facility, is fifty dollars per month, unless a  
6 greater amount is allowed under state or federal law.

7 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
8 state to the department of human services for the fiscal year  
9 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, the  
10 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
11 used for the purpose designated:

12 For provision of a personal needs allowance of \$50 per  
13 month to be retained by a resident of a health care facility  
14 under the medical assistance program:

15 ..... \$1,500,000

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill directs the department of human services to adopt  
18 rules to allow residents of health care facilities  
19 participating in the medical assistance program to retain a  
20 personal needs allowance of \$50 per month, unless a greater  
21 amount is allowed to be retained under state or federal law.  
22 The current personal needs allowance is \$30 per month. The  
23 bill also appropriates \$1.5 million from the general fund of  
24 the state to the department of human services for the fiscal  
25 year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, to  
26 cover the cost of the increased allowance.

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