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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the disregard of certain countable income in
2 determining the amount of spenddown under the medically needy
3 program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, Code 2001, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. If allowed under federal law, in
4 calculating the amount of countable income under the medically
5 needy program for an individual who is a recipient of federal
6 supplemental security income, the amount which is the
7 difference between the income limit for federal supplemental
8 security income and the income limit for the medically needy
9 program shall be disregarded.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides that in calculating the amount of an
12 individual's countable income under the medically needy
13 program, if the individual is a recipient of federal
14 supplemental security income, the amount which is the
15 difference between the income limit for federal supplemental
16 security income and the income limit for the medically needy
17 program is to be disregarded. The result of this is that the
18 individual will be eligible for the medically needy program
19 without meeting a spenddown requirement. The spenddown
20 requirement is the process by which an individual's countable
21 income in excess of the medically needy income level for that
22 individual must be reduced, through obligation for allowable
23 medical expenses, in order to reach the medically needy income
24 level for the individual.

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