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SENATE FILE 258

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the medical assistance program eligibility of
2 inmates of public institutions.

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

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SF 258
HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 249A.32 INMATES -- ELIGIBILITY.

2 1. The department shall provide coverage under the medical
3 assistance program to eligible juveniles and adults who are
4 accused of a crime and are in the custody of the juvenile or
5 adult criminal justice system.

6 2. If eligibility under the medical assistance program is
7 suspended for an individual convicted of a crime who is an
8 inmate of a public institution, the department shall
9 redetermine the inmate's eligibility prior to release of the
10 inmate from the public institution in order to provide the
11 inmate with coverage under the medical assistance program
12 immediately upon release. For the purposes of this
13 subsection, "inmate of a public institution" means as provided
14 in 42 C.F.R. § 435.1008.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill relates to persons in the custody of the juvenile
17 or criminal justice system and inmates of public institutions
18 and their eligibility under the medical assistance program.

19 The bill requires the department of human services to
20 provide coverage under the medical assistance program to
21 eligible juveniles and adults who are accused of a crime and
22 are in the custody of the juvenile or adult criminal justice
23 system.

24 The bill also provides that if the eligibility under the
25 medical assistance program of an individual who has been
26 convicted of a crime and is an inmate of a public institution
27 has been suspended, the department must redetermine the
28 inmate's eligibility prior to release in order to provide
29 coverage under the medical assistance program immediately upon
30 the inmate's release.

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