

House File 209 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the suspension of Medicaid coverage for an
2 inmate of a public institution.

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

1 Section 1. Section 249A.38, subsection 1, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Following the first thirty days of commitment, the
4 department shall suspend, but not terminate, the eligibility
5 of an individual who is an inmate of a public institution as
6 defined in 42 C.F.R. §435.1010, who is enrolled in the medical
7 assistance program at the time of commitment to the public
8 institution, and who remains eligible for medical assistance as
9 an individual except for the individual's institutional status,
10 during the entire period of the individual's commitment to the
11 public institution.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill provides that Medicaid coverage of an inmate of
16 a public institution shall be suspended, but not terminated,
17 after the first 30 days of commitment, and that the suspension
18 shall continue during the entire period of the inmate's
19 commitment to the public institution. Prior to changes enacted
20 in 2018 Iowa Acts, chapter 1165, section 127, the law allowed
21 the suspension to continue only for up to the initial 12 months
22 of an inmate's period of commitment at which time the inmate's
23 Medicaid coverage would be terminated.