

House Study Bill 747 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MOHR)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the maximum amount of available resources
2 disregarded under the Medicaid for employed people with
3 disabilities program.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, subsection 2, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (a), Code 2024, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) As allowed under 42 U.S.C. §1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII),
5 individuals with disabilities, who are less than sixty-five
6 years of age, who are members of families whose income is less
7 than ~~two~~ three hundred ~~fifty~~ percent of the most recently
8 revised official poverty guidelines published by the United
9 States department of health and human services for the family,
10 who have earned income and who are eligible for mandatory
11 medical assistance or optional medical assistance under this
12 section if earnings are disregarded. As allowed by 42 U.S.C.
13 §1396a(r)(2), unearned income shall also be disregarded in
14 determining whether an individual is eligible for assistance
15 under this subparagraph. For the purposes of determining the
16 amount of an individual's resources under this subparagraph and
17 as allowed by 42 U.S.C. §1396a(r)(2), a maximum of ten thousand
18 dollars of available resources for an individual and twenty-one
19 thousand dollars of available resources for a couple shall be
20 disregarded, and any additional resources held in a retirement
21 account, in a medical savings account, or in any other account
22 approved under rules adopted by the department shall also be
23 disregarded.

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 This bill relates to the Medicaid for employed people with
28 disabilities (MEPD) program.

29 Currently, the income eligibility level requirement for the
30 MEPD program is 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.
31 The bill increases the income eligibility level to 300 percent
32 of the federal poverty guidelines.

33 Currently, for the purposes of determining the resources
34 of an individual to meet the eligibility requirements for the
35 MEPD program, a maximum of \$10,000 of available resources is

1 disregarded, in addition to any additional resources held in
2 a retirement account, in a medical savings account, or in any
3 other account approved under rules adopted by the department
4 of health and human services (HHS). The bill maintains the
5 maximum amount of \$10,000 in available resources disregarded
6 for an individual, but provides that for the purposes of
7 determining the resources of a couple, a maximum amount of
8 \$21,000 of available resources is disregarded in addition to
9 additional resources held in a retirement account, in a medical
10 savings account, or in any other account approved under rules
11 adopted by HHS.