

**Senate File 2303 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the personal needs allowance for residents  
2 of certain facilities under the Medicaid program, and  
3 providing an appropriation.

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

1 Section 1. Section 249A.30A, Code 2024, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **249A.30A Medical assistance — personal needs allowance —**  
4 **appropriation.**

5 The personal needs allowance under the medical assistance  
6 program, which may be retained by a person who is a resident of  
7 a nursing facility, an intermediate care facility for persons  
8 with an intellectual disability, or an intermediate care  
9 facility for persons with mental illness, as defined in section  
10 135C.1, or a person who is a resident of a psychiatric medical  
11 institution for children as defined in [section 135H.1](#), shall  
12 be ~~fifty~~ eighty-five dollars per month. A resident who has  
13 income of less than ~~fifty~~ eighty-five dollars per month shall  
14 receive a supplement from the state in the amount necessary to  
15 receive a personal needs allowance of ~~fifty~~ eighty-five dollars  
16 per month, ~~if funding is specifically appropriated for this~~  
17 ~~purpose.~~ The general assembly shall appropriate a sufficient  
18 amount annually from the general fund of the state to the  
19 department to provide the supplementation specified under this  
20 section.

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EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill provides for an increase, from \$50 to \$85, in the  
25 personal needs allowance under Medicaid retained by a person  
26 who is a resident of a nursing facility, an intermediate care  
27 facility for persons with an intellectual disability, or an  
28 intermediate care facility for persons with mental illness, or  
29 a person who is a resident of a psychiatric medical institution  
30 for children. A resident who has income of less than \$85 per  
31 month shall receive a supplement from the state as necessary to  
32 receive a personal needs allowance of \$85. The bill provides  
33 for an annual appropriation from the general fund of the state  
34 to the department of health and human services an amount  
35 sufficient to provide the supplementation specified in the

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1 bill.