

Senate File 528 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the personal needs allowance for residents of
2 certain facilities under the Medicaid program, and providing
3 an appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 249A.30A, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

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

4 1. The personal needs allowance under the medical assistance
5 program, which may be retained by a person who is a resident of a
6 nursing facility, an intermediate care facility for persons with
7 an intellectual disability, or an intermediate care facility for
8 persons with mental illness, as defined in section 135C.1, or a
9 person who is a resident of a psychiatric medical institution for
10 children as defined in section 135H.1, shall be fifty eighty-five
11 dollars per month.

12 2. A resident who has income of less than fifty eighty-five
13 dollars per month shall receive a supplement from the state in
14 the amount necessary to receive a personal needs allowance of
15 fifty eighty-five dollars per month. The general assembly shall
16 annually appropriate a sufficient amount from the general fund
17 of the state to the department of health and human services for
18 this purpose to provide the supplementation specified under this
19 section.

20 EXPLANATION

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

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