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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to eligibility requirements for certain persons  
2 with disabilities under the medical assistance program.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:  
3 a. As allowed under 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII),  
4 individuals with disabilities, ~~who are less than sixty-five~~  
5 ~~years of age~~, who are members of families whose income is less  
6 than two hundred fifty percent of the most recently revised  
7 official poverty line published by the federal office of  
8 management and budget for the family, who have earned income  
9 and who are eligible for medical assistance or additional  
10 medical assistance under this section if earnings are  
11 disregarded. As allowed by 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(r)(2), unearned  
12 income shall also be disregarded in determining whether an  
13 individual is eligible for assistance under this paragraph.  
14 For the purposes of determining the amount of an individual's  
15 resources under this paragraph and as allowed by 42 U.S.C. §  
16 1396a(r)(2), a maximum of ten thousand dollars of available  
17 resources shall be disregarded and any additional resources  
18 held in a retirement account, in a medical savings account, or  
19 in any other account approved under rules adopted by the  
20 department shall also be disregarded. Individuals eligible  
21 for assistance under this paragraph, whose individual income  
22 exceeds one hundred fifty percent of the official poverty line  
23 published by the federal office of management and budget for  
24 an individual, shall pay a premium. The amount of the premium  
25 shall be based on a sliding fee schedule adopted by rule of  
26 the department and shall be based on a percentage of the  
27 individual's income. The maximum premium payable by an  
28 individual whose income exceeds one hundred fifty percent of  
29 the official poverty line shall be commensurate with premiums  
30 charged for private group health insurance in this state.  
31 This paragraph shall be implemented no later than March 1,  
32 2000.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill provides that individuals with disabilities who  
35 have earned income within certain limitations, and who are of

1 any age, are eligible for discretionary medical assistance.  
2 Currently, eligibility is limited to individuals who are less  
3 than 65 years of age.

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