

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 393*

Short Title: Medicaid/Infants, Pregnant Women.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jones; Anderson, Barnes, Barnhill, Beard, Blue, Bowman, Brown, Brubaker, Burke, Chapin, Church, Colton, Cooper, J. Crawford, N. Crawford, Cunningham, Dawkins, DeVane, Diamont, Duncan, Easterling, Edwards, Esposito, L. Etheridge, B. Ethridge, Fitch, Fletcher, Foster, Gardner, Grady, Hackney, Hall, Hardaway, Hasty, Hege, Holmes, Howard, Huffman, H. Hunter, Hurley, Jeralds, Justus, Kennedy, Lilley, Lineberry, Lutz, McLaughlin, Michaux, Nesbitt, Nye, Payne, Perdue, Privette, Redwine, Rhyne, Robinson, Rogers, Sizemore, Stamey, Stewart, Tart, R. Thompson, S. Thompson, Walker, Warner, Warren, Wicker, P. Wilson, Wiser, Wood, and Woodard.

Referred to: Human Resources.

February 27, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND FOR CHILDREN, TO EXPAND THE RURAL OBSTETRICAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM, AND TO INCREASE PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENT FOR MATERNITY CARE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) Effective January 1, 1990, the Department of Human Resources shall provide Medicaid coverage, to the extent permitted by federal law, for pregnant women and for children up to the age of one, whose family income is equal to or less than one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty guidelines as revised annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Services to pregnant women eligible under this section continue through the pregnancy but include only services related to pregnancy and to those other conditions determined by the Department of Human Resources as conditions that complicate pregnancy. In order to reduce county administrative costs and to expedite the provision of medical

1 services to pregnant women and to children eligible under this section, no resource test
2 shall be applied.

3 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Human
4 Resources, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of seven million fifty-five thousand
5 two hundred eighty-one dollars (\$7,055,281) for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of
6 fourteen million one hundred ten thousand five hundred sixty-two dollars (\$14,110,562)
7 for the 1990-91 fiscal year, to provide the State share of the increased coverage
8 authorized by this section.

9 (c) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Medical
10 Assistance, Department of Human Resources the sum of seven hundred ninety-four
11 thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$794,250) for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum
12 of one million fifty-nine thousand dollars (\$1,059,000) for the 1990-91 fiscal year, to
13 provide the additional eligibility staff needed to implement this section. These funds
14 shall be allocated among the county departments of social services for the non-federal
15 costs of employing additional eligibility personnel needed to implement this section
16 effective October 1, 1989. Eligibility staff employed by these funds shall include staff
17 at outpost locations such as local health departments and hospitals.

18 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
19 Medical Assistance, Department of Human Resources, the sum of six hundred fifty
20 thousand dollars (\$650,000) for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of one million
21 dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1990-91 fiscal year, to expand the Rural Obstetrical Care
22 Incentive Program established by Section 39.3 of Chapter 1100, 1987 Session Laws,
23 Regular Session, 1988.

24 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
25 Medical Assistance, Department of Human Resources, the sum of nine hundred fifty
26 thousand eight hundred twenty dollars (\$950,820) for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the
27 sum of one million three hundred thirty-three thousand two hundred twelve dollars
28 (\$1,333,212) for the 1990-91 fiscal year, for the State share of increasing physician
29 reimbursement for maternity care services effective October 1, 1989.

30 Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.