

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1831

Short Title: NC Health Choice/No Waiting Period.

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Sponsors: Representatives Nesbitt; Blue, Buchanan, Easterling, Sherrill, Wainwright, and Womble.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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May 30, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE WAITING PERIOD FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE  
2 NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN  
3 (NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CHOICE).  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 108A-70.18 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 108A-70.18. Definitions.**

8 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the term:

- 9 (1) 'Comprehensive health coverage' means creditable health coverage as  
10 defined under Title XXI.  
11 (2) 'Family income' has the same meaning as used in determining eligibility  
12 for the Medical Assistance Program.  
13 (3) 'FPL' or 'federal poverty level' means the federal poverty guidelines  
14 established by the United States Department of Health and Human  
15 Services, as revised each April 1.  
16 (4) 'Medical Assistance Program' means the State Medical Assistance  
17 Program established under Part 6 of Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the  
18 General Statutes.

- 1 (5) 'Program' means The Health Insurance Program for Children  
2 established in this Part.
- 3 (6) 'State Plan' means the State Child Health Plan for the State Children's  
4 Health Insurance Program established under Title XXI.
- 5 (7) 'Title XXI' means Title XXI of the Social Security Act, as added by  
6 Pub. L. 105-33, 111 Stat. 552, codified in scattered sections of 42  
7 U.S.C. (1997).
- 8 (8) 'Uninsured' means the applicant for Program benefits ~~was not covered~~  
9 ~~under any private or employer sponsored comprehensive health~~  
10 ~~insurance plan for the six-month period immediately preceding the date~~  
11 ~~of application for Program benefits. Effective April 1, 1999, 'uninsured'~~  
12 ~~means the applicant is and was not covered under any private or~~  
13 ~~employer sponsored comprehensive health insurance plan for 60 days~~  
14 ~~immediately preceding~~ is not covered under any private or employer-  
15 sponsored comprehensive health insurance plan on the date of  
16 application. ~~The waiting periods required under this subdivision shall be~~  
17 ~~waived if the child has been enrolled in Medicaid and has lost Medicaid~~  
18 ~~eligibility, has lost health care benefits due to cessation of a nonprofit~~  
19 ~~organization program that provides health care benefits to low-income~~  
20 ~~children, or has lost employer sponsored comprehensive health care~~  
21 ~~coverage due to termination of employment, cessation by the employer~~  
22 ~~of employer sponsored health coverage, or cessation of the employer's~~  
23 ~~business."~~

24 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.