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LLS NO. 11-1012.01 Brita Darling

SENATE BILL 11-250

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Boyd,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Ferrandino and Summers,

Senate Committees

Health and Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CHANGING THE ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN PREGNANT**
102 **WOMEN FROM THE CHILDREN'S BASIC HEALTH PLAN TO**
103 **MEDICAID.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

In order to comply with federal requirements to preserve federal funding for prenatal coverage in the CHP+ program, the bill increases the income level for eligibility for pregnant women in medicaid from 133% to 185% of the federal poverty line.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 25.5-5-205 (3) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 **25.5-5-205. Baby and kid care program - creation - eligibility.**

5 (3) (b) (I) FOR CHILDREN UNDER SIX YEARS OF AGE, the percentage level
6 of the federal poverty line, as defined pursuant to 42 U.S.C. sec. 9902 (2),
7 used to determine eligibility under this subsection (3) shall be one
8 hundred thirty-three percent. If the federal government establishes a new
9 federal minimum percentage level of the federal poverty line used to
10 determine eligibility under this subsection (3) that is different from the
11 level set in this ~~paragraph (b)~~ SUBPARAGRAPH (I), the state department is
12 authorized to meet such federal minimum level without requiring
13 additional legislation; however, such minimum federal level shall be
14 established by rule of the state board.

15 (II) FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, THE PERCENTAGE LEVEL OF THE
16 FEDERAL POVERTY LINE, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. SEC. 9902
17 (2), USED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (3) SHALL
18 BE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT. IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
19 ESTABLISHES A NEW FEDERAL MINIMUM PERCENTAGE LEVEL OF THE
20 FEDERAL POVERTY LINE USED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY UNDER THIS
21 SUBSECTION (3) THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE LEVEL SET IN THIS
22 SUBPARAGRAPH (II), THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO MEET
23 SUCH FEDERAL MINIMUM LEVEL WITHOUT REQUIRING ADDITIONAL
24 LEGISLATION; HOWEVER, SUCH MINIMUM FEDERAL LEVEL SHALL BE
25 ESTABLISHED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD.

1 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.