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A BILL FOR AN ACT 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.

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

ESTABLISHED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD.

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

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