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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Walsh, Cimini, Ferri, and Valencia

Date Introduced: February 14, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40-8 of the General Laws entitled "Medical Assistance" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **40-8-3.1. Eligibility for Medicare savings programs. -- (a) Beginning July 1, 2013, and**
4 **annually thereafter, the secretary of the executive office of health and human services shall**
5 **increase income disregards used to determine eligibility by the department of human services for**
6 **the federal Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and**
7 **the Qualifying Individual Programs, administered in accordance with the provisions of 42 USC**
8 **1396d(p), by an amount that equalizes the income levels used to determine eligibility for said**
9 **programs to income levels at or below one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal**
10 **poverty level.**

11 **(b) The secretary shall not apply an asset test for eligibility under the Medicare savings**
12 **program.**

13 **(c) The secretary shall submit any Medicaid state plan amendment necessary to**
14 **implement the provisions of this section.**

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the secretary of the executive office of health and human services
2 to increase income disregards to determine eligibility for certain Medicaid cost-sharing program
3 by an amount that equalizes the income levels used to determine eligibility which are at or below
4 one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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