

By Ms. Jehlen of Somerville, petition of Patricia D. Jehlen and other members of the House relative to the eligibility of pregnant women and children for Medicaid services. Health Care.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY OF PREGNANT WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The first paragraph of Section 24D of Chapter 111 of the  
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby  
3 amended by adding at the end thereof: — The Commissioner of  
4 the Department of Public Welfare is hereby authorized and  
5 directed to submit a Medicaid plan amendment to the Health Care  
6 Financing Administration containing the following changes: —

7 (1) For pregnant women and infants eligible (with income up to  
8 185% of the federal poverty guidelines) under Section 190-  
9 2(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) of the Social Security Act, in addition to the  
10 eligibility income disregards of the AFDC program: Disregard  
11 income equal to 65% of the federal poverty guidelines for a  
12 family of the size involved as revised annually in the Federal  
13 Register.

14 (2) For children ages one through five eligible (with income up  
15 to 133% of the federal poverty guidelines under Section 1902  
16 (a)(10)(A)(i)(IV), in addition to the eligibility income disregards  
17 of the AFDC program: Disregard income equal to 117% of the  
18 federal poverty guidelines for a family of the size involved as  
19 revised annually in the Federal Register.

