

HOUSE No. 3201

By Mr. Woodward of Walpole, petition of Francis H. Woodward that the Secretary of Human Services be directed to establish a proportional payments program for certain persons sixty-five years of age or older under the Medicaid program. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A PROPORTIONAL PAYMENTS PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The secretary of human services is hereby author-
2 ized and directed to establish a program of proportional payments
3 for Medical Assistance for eligible persons sixty-five years of age
4 or older.

1 SECTION 2. The costs of health services and programs
2 covered by Medical Assistance for persons eligible to participate
3 under the proportional payments program as provided in section 1
4 shall be paid by the department of public welfare according to the
5 provisions of section 3.

1 SECTION 3. (a) If a single individual has more than \$7,000 of
2 personal property and a married couple \$8,000 but less than \$8,000
3 for a single individual or \$9,000 for a married couple, the depart-
4 ment shall pay twenty-five percent of the costs for services covered
5 by Medical Assistance.

6 (b) If a single individual has more than \$4,000 of personal
7 property and a married couple \$5,000 but less than \$7,000 for a

8 single individual or \$8,000 for a married couple, the department
9 shall pay fifty percent of the costs for services covered by Medical
10 Assistance.

11 (c) If a single individual has more than \$2,000 of personal
12 property and a married couple \$3,000 but less than \$3,000 for a
13 single individual or \$4,000 for a married couple, the department
14 shall pay seventy-five percent of the costs for services covered by
15 Medical Assistance.

16 (d) If a single individual has less than \$2,000 of personal prop-
17 erty and a married couple less than \$3,000, full costs for services
18 covered by Medical Assistance shall be paid by the department.

1 SECTION 4. All other eligibility requirements under the Medi-
2 cal Assistance program shall be met by persons eligible for benefits
3 under this chapter.

1 SECTION 5. Any person covered by the provisions of this
2 chapter shall file an annual statement, under the pains and penal-
3 ties of perjury stating his or her net income and personal property.