

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 537*

Short Title: Medicaid/Breast and Cervical Cancer Coverage. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rand; Albertson, Ballance, Ballantine, Berger, Bingham, Carpenter, Carrington, Clodfelter, Cunningham, Dalton, Dannelly, Forrester, Foxx, Garrou, Garwood, Gulley, Hagan, Harris, Hartsell, Horton, Hoyle, Jordan, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, Metcalf, Miller, Moore, Odom, Plyler, Purcell, Robinson, Rucho, Shaw of Cumberland, Shaw of Guilford, Soles, Swindell, Thomas, Warren, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 19, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO MATCH FEDERAL FUNDS TO PROVIDE FULL MEDICAID COVERAGE TO ELIGIBLE WOMEN DETERMINED TO NEED TREATMENT FOR BREAST CANCER OR CERVICAL CANCER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of six hundred twenty-one thousand three hundred fifteen dollars (\$621,315) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of one million two hundred fifteen thousand two hundred thirty dollars (\$1,215,230) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to match federal funds to provide full Medicaid coverage to eligible women who have been found to need treatment for breast cancer or cervical cancer. Coverage under this section shall be provided to women who:

- (1) Are under the age of 65;
- (2) Are uninsured and not otherwise enrolled in or eligible for Medicaid;
- (3) Have been screened for breast or cervical cancer under the North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program and found to need treatment for either breast cancer or cervical cancer.

Coverage shall include treatment for precancerous conditions and early-stage cancer.

Eligibility for this coverage shall be as required under federal Medicaid regulations.

1 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
2 Medical Assistance, shall submit a State Plan amendment to the Health Care Financing
3 Administration electing coverage for this categorically needy eligibility group,
4 including presumptive eligibility. The Department shall implement this program no
5 earlier than July 1, 2001.

6 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.