

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 55**

Short Title: Medicaid County Share. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Forrester; Albertson, Apodaca, Ballantine, Berger, Blake, Brock, Carpenter, Carrington, Hartsell, Hoyle, Pittenger, Rucho, Shubert, Sloan, and Smith.

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Referred to: Appropriations on Department of Transportation.

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February 17, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PHASE-OUT THE COUNTY SHARE OF THE NONFEDERAL SHARE OF MEDICAID COSTS OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the nonfederal share of the Medical Assistance Program, excluding administrative costs, borne by the counties shall be as follows:

- (1) Four percent (4%), effective July 1, 2005.
- (2) Three percent (3%), effective July 1, 2006.
- (3) Two percent (2%), effective July 1, 2007.
- (4) One percent (1%), effective July 1, 2008.

Effective July 1, 2009, the nonfederal share of the Medical Assistance Program, excluding administrative costs, shall be borne by the State.

**SECTION 2.** Effective July 1, 2009, G.S. 108A-54 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 108A-54. Authorization of Medical Assistance Program.**

The Department is authorized and empowered to establish a Medical Assistance Program from ~~federal, State and county~~ federal and State appropriations and to adopt rules and regulations under which payments are to be made in accordance with the provisions of this Part. ~~The nonfederal share may be divided between the State and the counties, in a manner consistent with the provisions of the federal Social Security Act, except that the share required from the counties may not exceed the share required from the state. If a portion of the nonfederal share is required from the counties, the boards of county commissioners of the several counties shall levy, impose and collect the taxes required for the special purpose of medical assistance as provided in this Part, in an amount sufficient to cover each county's share of such assistance."~~

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.