

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE DRS65007-LN-32 (1/10)**

Short Title: Medicaid/Title V Elig. Changes.

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Sponsors: Senator Pittenger.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES TO APPLY FOR A MEDICAID WAIVER TO DISCOUNT INCOME  
4 EARNED UNDER FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR PURPOSES OF  
5 DETERMINING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY.

6       Whereas, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) was  
7 authorized by Congress in Title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide  
8 subsidized, part-time, community service work based on training for low-income  
9 persons age 55 or older who have poor employment prospects; and

10       Whereas, federal guidelines require that income earned from SCSEP must be  
11 counted in determining eligibility for Medicaid; and

12       Whereas, some senior citizens of North Carolina are or have become  
13 ineligible for Medicaid because income they earn through the SCSEP is counted when  
14 determining Medicaid eligibility; Now, therefore,

15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

16       **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of  
17 Medical Assistance, shall apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
18 (CMS) for a waiver from the application of federal disability guidelines in order to  
19 allow discounting of income earned under the Senior Community Service Employment  
20 Program (SCSEP) when determining eligibility for the State Medical Assistance  
21 Program (Medicaid).

22       **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.