

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
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As Engrossed: H2/21/01 S3/8/01

A Bill

Act 1086 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 1105

5 By: Representative King
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR PERSONS
10 AGED SIXTY-FIVE (65) AND OVER WITH ASSETS UP TO
11 FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000) FOR A SINGLE
12 INDIVIDUAL AND SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000) FOR
13 A MARRIED COUPLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO PROVIDE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR
16 PERSONS AGED SIXTY-FIVE (65) AND OVER
17 WITH ASSETS UP TO FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS
18 (\$4,000) FOR A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL AND SIX
19 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000) FOR A MARRIED
20 COUPLE.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds:

28 (1) That the income of many elderly Arkansans slightly exceeds the
29 Medicaid eligibility level;

30 (2) That without adequate health care, many elderly Arkansans will
31 develop more serious health problems, causing them to become debilitated and
32 resulting in loss of independence, higher health costs and possibly death; and

33 (3) That expanded Medicaid coverage would improve the health of elderly
34 Arkansans, extend their lives and reduce their health costs.
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36 SECTION 2. When funds become available, the Department of Human

1 Services shall raise the resource eligibility limit for persons sixty-five
2 (65) and over to four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a single individual and
3 six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for a married couple.

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