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Introduced by Representatives Noyes of Wolcott, Donahue of Northfield, and
Goldman of Rockingham

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; Medicare Savings Programs; eligibility

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to increase the
income eligibility thresholds for the Medicare Savings Programs.

An act relating to increasing income eligibility thresholds for the Medicare
Savings Programs

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS; INCOME ELIGIBILITY

The Agency of Human Services shall increase the income eligibility
thresholds for the Medicare Savings Programs to the following levels:

(1) Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program: 211 percent of the
federal poverty level (FPL);

(2) Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) Program:
231 percent FPL; and

(3) Qualifying Individual (QI) Program: 246 percent FPL.

1 Sec. 2. MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM; MEDICAID STATE PLAN
2 AMENDMENT

3 The Agency of Human Services shall request approval from the Centers for
4 Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend Vermont's Medicaid state plan to
5 increase the income thresholds for the Medicare Savings Programs as set forth
6 in Sec. 1 of this act.

7 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

8 (a) Sec. 1 shall take effect upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and
9 Medicaid Services of the amendment to Vermont's Medicaid state plan as
10 directed in Sec. 2.

11 (b) Sec. 2 and this section shall take effect on passage.