

1 S.61

2 Introduced by Senators Cummings, Clarkson, Harrison and Ram Hinsdale

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; Medicare; Medicare Savings Program; Qualified Medicare

6 Beneficiary (QMB) Program; Specified Low-Income Medicare

7 Beneficiary (SLMB) Program; Qualifying Individuals (QI) Program;

8 income threshold; eligibility

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

11 An act relating to Medicare Savings Program eligibility

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

13 Sec. 1. MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS; INCOME ELIGIBILITY

14 The Agency of Human Services shall make the following changes to the
15 Medicare Savings Programs:

16 (1) increase the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program
17 income threshold to 150 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL);

18 (2) eliminate the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
19 Program; and

1 (3) increase the Qualifying Individual (QI) Program income threshold to
2 185 percent FPL.

3 Sec. 2. MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM; MEDICAID STATE PLAN
4 AMENDMENT

5 The Agency of Human Services shall request approval from the Centers for
6 Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend Vermont's Medicaid state plan to
7 make adjustments to the Medicare Savings Programs as set forth in Sec. 1 of
8 this act.

9 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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