

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1515
(Representatives Mitskog, Schneider)
(Senators Heckaman, Mathern)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to medical assistance coverage for pregnant women; and to provide an availability date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Medical assistance benefits - Pregnant women.

The department shall seek the necessary approval from the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services to expand medical assistance coverage for pregnant women with income below one hundred sixty-two percent of the federal poverty level.

SECTION 2. AVAILABILITY DATE. If the department of human services is able to obtain the necessary approval to expand medical assistance coverage in accordance with section 1 of this Act, the expanded medical assistance coverage for pregnant women becomes available January 1, 2020.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1515.

House Vote: Yeas 86 Nays 5 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 4 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State