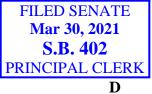
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2021



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SENATE BILL DRS35176-MR-94

	Short Title:	Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap.	(Public)
	Sponsors:	Senators Robinson and Clark (Primary Sponsors).	
	Referred to:		
1		A DILL TO DE ENTITLED	
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2 3) EXPAND MEDICAID TO QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS IN TH AGE GAP.	E MEDICAID
3 4		Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	
5		ECTION 1.(a) Repeal of Prohibition on Closing the Coverage Gap.	- Section 3 of
6	S.L. 2013-5 i		
7		ECTION 1.(b) Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes	is amended by
8		section to read:	is unionaca of
9	0	BB. Benefits provided to qualified individuals in the Medicaid co	verage gap.
10		dividuals shall be considered part of the Medicaid coverage gap a	
11		efits under this section if all of the following requirements are met:	
12	(1	• •	t or below one
13		hundred thirty-three percent (133%) of the federal poverty leve	
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15	(3		ts under Part A
16		or Part B of Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act.	
17	<u>(4</u>) The individual is not otherwise eligible for Medicaid coverage u	under the North
18		Carolina State Plan as it existed on January 1, 2020.	
19	<u>(b)</u> <u>B</u>	eneficiaries eligible for the Medicaid program under this section	shall receive
20	benefits through an Alternative Benefit Plan that is established by the Department consistent with		
21	federal requirements, unless that beneficiary is exempt from mandatory enrollment in an		
22	Alternative B	enefit Plan under 42 C.F.R. § 440.315.	
23	<u>(c)</u> <u>C</u>	opayments for benefits provided under the Alternative Benefit Pla	an required by
24		subsection (b) of this section shall be the same as copayments required for Medicaid beneficiaries	
25	not under the Alternative Benefit Plan."		
26		ECTION 1.(c) The Department of Health and Human Services	
27	provide coverage for individuals who are eligible for Medicaid benefits under G.S. 108A-54.3B		
28		consistent with S.L. 2015-245, as amended.	
29		ECTION 1.(d) American Rescue Plan Funds/Medicaid Coverage Ga	•
30		associated with providing the coverage required by this act shall b	
31	federal funds received due to the temporary increase in the federal medical assistance percentage		
32	(FMAP) under section 9814 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2. When funds		
33	associated with that increase in FMAP are no longer sufficient, it is the intent of the General		
34	Assembly to impose upon hospital providers paying the supplemental assessment or base		
35	assessment under Article 7A of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes, as enacted in Section 15.1		



General Assembly Of North Carolina

1 of S.L. 2020-88, a Medicaid Coverage Gap Assessment that will pay for the State share of the

- 2 3 program and administrative costs associated with the coverage required by this act.
 - SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.