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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997**

Legislative Document

No. 572

H.P. 422

House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents Concerning Medicaid Eligibility.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

SEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth. Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and

Representatives: GAGNE of Buckfield, VOLENIK of Brooklin, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

### Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-G, sub-\$1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 502, Pt. A, §72, is amended to read:

1. Delivery of services. The department shall provide for the delivery of federally approved Medicaid services to qualified pregnant women up to 60 days following delivery and-infants-up-to ene-year-of--age when the woman's er--child's family income is below 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty line and children-under-5-years-of-age-and, to qualified elderly and disabled persons, when the ehild's er person's family income is below 100% of the nonfarm income official poverty line, to children under 19 years of age when the child's family income is below 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty line and to employed adults when the adult's family income is below 150% of the nonfarm income official poverty level. The official poverty line shall must be that applicable to a family of the size involved, as defined by the Federal Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with the United States Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Section Subsection 2. These services shall-be are effective Oeteber-1, 1988 January 1, 1998.

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#### SUMMARY

This bill requires coverage under the Medicaid program for children under 19 years of age when the family income is below 185% of the nonfarm official poverty level and for employed adults when the family income is below 150% of the nonfarm official poverty level. These services become effective January 1, 1998.