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SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1911, L.D. 1972, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Catastrophic Illness and Medically Needy Programs."

Amend the amendment in section 5 by striking out all of paragraph 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Eligibility for, and aid through, this fund shall be on a year-to-year basis, and eligibility and amount of aid shall be determined only after the full application to the costs of medical care in any 12-month period of all applicable health care insurance benefits, other 3rd party payer benefits legally provided for or liability benefits identified as being for medical or rehabilitative care. From all net income before taxes received by the applicant or those legally responsible for the applicant's care, 20% will be assumed to be applicable to the liabilities for the care for which assistance is being sought. Where an individual is legally responsible for the medical liabilities of more than one applicant in a given year, no more than a total of 20% of his net income before taxes shall be assumed to be applicable to these liabilities. If the applicant has, or those legally responsible for the applicant's care have, or they jointly have, a net worth in excess of \$20,000, and the excess net worth includes cash or readily cashable assets, then 10% of that cash or cashable assets shall be assumed to be applicable to the liabilities for care.

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If, after the application of all of the above resources, the residual liability, in any one year, for which assistance is being sought is less than \$1,000, no payment shall be made from this fund and only that amount in excess of \$1,000 shall be paid. No reimbursements shall be made for bills already paid. Payments from this fund shall only be made directly to the vendors or providers of care. This section shall not be deemed to create any rights or causes of action against the State in such a vendor or provider of care, his heirs or assigns. When eligibility has been established, the department may make payments from this fund, during the remainder of the year of eligibility, for those goods and services provided for in this section.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 7.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to replace the proposed eligibility requirements for the Catastrophic Illness Program with those requirements presently existing under state statutes. By replacing the proposed standard with the original standard, no fiscal note will be required for this legislation.

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