

SENATE, No. 2206

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 12, 1997

By Senators SINAGRA and INVERSO

1 A SUPPLEMENT to "An Act making appropriations for the support of
2 the State Government and the several public purposes for the fiscal
3 year ending June 30, 1998 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved June .., 1997 (P.L.1997, c...).

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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.1997, c...,
10 there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for
11 the purpose specified:

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13 GENERAL FUND

14 46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

15 20 Physical and Mental Health

16 26 Senior Services

17 22 Medical Services for the Aged -- Grants-In-Aid

18 22-4275 Medical Services for the Aged \$9,000,000

19 Payments for Medical Assistance Recipients -

20 Nursing Home (\$9,000,000)

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22 2. Upon certification by the Director of the Division of Budget
23 and Accounting that federal funds to support the expenditures listed
24 below are available, the following sums are appropriated:

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26 FEDERAL FUNDS

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35 3. This act shall take effect immediately upon enactment of the
36 annual appropriations act, P.L. 1997, c.

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STATEMENT

This bill appropriates \$9.0 million in State funds and \$9.0 million in federal funds to enable the Department of Health and Senior Services to increase the amount of monthly income and the amount of resources the community spouse of an institutionalized person is allowed to retain under the spousal impoverishment provisions of the “Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988,” Pub.L.100-360.

The amount of income the community spouse would be allowed to retain would increase from the current \$1,295 per month to \$1,918.50 per month, and the amount of resources the community spouse would be allowed to retain would increase from the current \$15,804 or one half of resources up to \$79,020 (whichever is greater), to \$79,020.

Appropriates \$9.0 million in General Funds and \$9.0 million in federal funds to DHSS to permit a community spouse to receive the maximum amount of monthly income and resources permitted by federal law.