

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE BILL 119**

Short Title: Ticket to Work/Medicaid Eligibility. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Purcell, Dannelly, Hartsell; Albertson, Allran, Atwater, Bingham, Boseman, Dorsett, Forrester, Garwood, Holloman, Jenkins, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lucas, Malone, Rand, Snow, Soles, and Swindell.

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Referred to: Health Care.

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February 14, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO EXPAND MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY TO INDIVIDUALS WHO  
2 QUALIFY UNDER THE FEDERAL TICKET TO WORK AND WORK  
3 INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
4 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON MEDICAID REFORM.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The following individuals are eligible for Medicaid benefits  
8 under the State Medical Assistance Program:

9 (1) Individuals who are age 16 through 64 who are disabled and who are  
10 working, and

11 (2) Individuals who qualified for Medicaid under subdivision (1) of this  
12 section, but who lost eligibility for Medicaid under subdivision (1) of  
13 this section due to medical improvement, but who retain severe  
14 impairment.

15 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
16 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, the sum of  
17 four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to support the  
18 expansion of Medicaid eligibility authorized under Section 1 of this act.

19 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.