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S 302. MEDICAID WAIVER/HIV AIDS PATIENT ELIG. Filed 2/24/09. TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO APPLY FOR A MEDICAID WAIVER THAT WOULD PROVIDE MEDICAID BENEFITS TO LOW-INCOME PERSONS WITH HIV.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Medical Assistance, to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a 1115 waiver to allow individuals testing positive for HIV that have incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level to access Medicaid services. Provides that if approved, DHHS must not implement the waiver except as authorized by an act of the General Assembly appropriating funds for that purpose. Requires DHHS to report on the status of the waiver to the House and Senate appropriations committees on health and human services and to the Fiscal Research Division by October 1, 2009.

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