

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 1796  
Appropriations/Base Budget Committee Substitute Adopted 7/9/08**

Short Title: Special Assistance/Income Disregard.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES TO ALLOW A CERTAIN INCOME DISREGARD UNDER THE  
4 MEDICAID PROGRAM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6       **SECTION 1.** The eligibility of Special Assistance residents residing in adult  
7 care homes on and after January 1, 2009, shall not be affected because of annual Social  
8 Security, SSI, and Railroad Retirement Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs). This  
9 policy shall apply only in cases where Special Assistance income eligibility is affected  
10 only by Social Security, SSI, and Railroad Retirement COLAs and shall not render a  
11 Special Assistance recipient eligible if all other eligibility requirements are not met.  
12 The maximum monthly rate for these residents shall be the same as for all other  
13 residents according to the provisions of Section 10.13 of S.L. 2007-323, as amended.

14       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.