Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1291

Introduced by

Representatives Mooney, Haak, Oversen, Schneider, Wallman Senators Heckaman, Nelson, Oban

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to medical assistance coverage for pregnant women; and to provide an
- 3 availability date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- 7 <u>Medical assistance benefits Pregnant women.</u>
- 8 The department shall seek the necessary approval from the centers for medicare and
- 9 medicaid services to expand medical assistance coverage for pregnant women with income
- 10 below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level.
- 11 **SECTION 2. AVAILABILITY DATE.** If the department is able to obtain the necessary
- 12 approval to expand medical assistance coverage in accordance with section 1 of this Act, the
- 13 expanded medical assistance coverage for pregnant women becomes available January 1,
- 14 2016.