

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2024 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 498**

By Senators Chapman, Takubo, and Woelfel

[Introduced January 22, 2024; referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;  
and then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §9-5-34, relating to correlating the Medicaid personal needs allowance with the  
 3 state poverty index.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: \_*

**ARTICLE 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

**§9-5-34. Medicaid needs allowance to be tied to state poverty index.**

1 (a) Legislative findings. – The Legislature finds that for the purpose of providing dignity for  
 2 our elderly citizens, the Medicaid personal needs allowance should be directly correlated with the  
 3 state poverty index. By tying the personal needs allowance to the state poverty index, senior  
 4 citizens would be entitled to money for their personal needs, such as clothing, denture supplies,  
 5 and other necessities.

6 (b) Enactment. – The Medicaid personal needs allowance shall be tied to the state poverty  
 7 index.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to correlate the Medical personal needs allowance with the state poverty index.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.