

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2025 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 169

By Senator Chapman

[Introduced February 12, 2025; 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 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 personal 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 Medicaid 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.