

SENATE NO. 91

AN ACT TO ASSURE AFFORDABLE PREMIUMS FOR THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SECURITY PLAN

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 10F of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
2 subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

3 (d) The cost of the program shall be funded in part by premiums contributed by enrollees according to
4 the following eligibility categories:

5 (1) enrollees in households ineligible for medical benefits pursuant to this chapter earning less than
6 200 per cent of the federal poverty level shall not be responsible for contributing to program premium
7 costs;

8 (2) enrollees in households earning between 201 per cent and 300 per cent of the federal poverty level,
9 inclusive, shall contribute not less than 20 per cent and not more than 30 per cent of the monthly
10 premium cost according to a sliding scale established by the division; provided, that additional
11 contributions shall not be required for any enrollee after the third enrollee in such a household;

12 (3) enrollees in households earning between 301 per cent and 400 percent of the federal poverty level,
13 inclusive, shall contribute not less than eighty-five per cent and not more than ninety percent of the
14 monthly premium cost according to a sliding scale established by the division; provided, that
15 additional contributions shall not be required for any enrollee after the first enrollee in such
16 household;

17 (4) enrollees in households earning more than 400 per cent of the federal poverty level shall pay no
18 more than the full premium cost of said program.

19 Household earnings may be defined on the basis of gross earnings, or on an adjusted basis according
20 to criteria deemed appropriate by the division. The division shall base premium costs on an actuarially
21 sound methodology. Premiums contributed by enrollees shall be deposited in the Children's and
22 Seniors' Health Care Assistance Fund, established by section 2FF of chapter 29 and may be used for
23 the program subject to appropriation.