**Fix the Senior Healthcare Cliff**

An Act Regarding Medicare Savings Programs Eligibility  
(H. 1199, S. 699)  
Lead Sponsors: Senator Lewis & Representative Ultrino

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<th>HEALTHCARE IS SENIOR’S SECOND LARGEST EXPENSE</th>
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<td>MA ELDERS LIVING ALONE DO NOT HAVE THE INCOME TO MEET BASIC NEEDS</td>
<td>The MA Health Connector has determined those under 200% FPL ($24,980) should spend no more than 2.9% on healthcare.</td>
<td>MA LOW-INCOME SENIORS SPEND MORE THAN 20% OF THEIR INCOME ON HEALTHCARE</td>
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**Current Eligibility (135% FPL)**
- Federal Minimum Requirement, 21,000 enrolled
- Eligibility capped at 135% FPL ($16,861)
- 14 States have expanded eligibility - Mass has not!

**Governor Baker’s Budget Proposal: (165% FPL)**
- Expands Medicare Savings Programs from 135%FPL ($16,861) to 165% FPL ($20,608)
- Helps ~40,000 low-income seniors
- ~25,000 newly eligible, ~15,000 expanded assistance
- $10M new state investment gets over $100M in Federal Rx

**HD1218/SD741: (200% FPL in 3-years)**
- Expands Medicare Savings Programs from 135% ($16,861) to 200% FPL ($24,490) in 3 years (year 1 aligns with Gov)
- Helps ~70,000 low-income seniors
- ~55,000 newly eligible, ~18,000 expanded assistance
- $200M in new federal Rx Benefits, $30M new state money

**Co-Sponsor H.1199/S.699**

For more information contact Mass Senior Action Council:  
617-284-1234 or cvillers@MassSeniorAction.org
Currently Mass Seniors with income over 135% FPL lose assistance with healthcare expenses, spending over 20% of income.

Those under age 65 spend no more than 5%

**Proposed Eligibility Structure (3-Year Plan):**

- HD 1218/SD 741 raises eligibility to 200% in 3-years
- Year 1: 165% (Same as Gov)
- Year 2: 180%
- Year 3: 200%

PROVIDES MORE THAN $300M in Federal Benefits for low-income seniors with

$30M State Investment

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