

1 SB268
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3 By Senator Ward
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would specify that a person
9 sentenced to custody in a city or county jail or to
10 the Department of Corrections would have his or her
11 Medicaid eligibility suspended and not terminated
12 when the person is in custody.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to persons sentenced to custody in a city
19 or county jail or to the Department of Corrections; to further
20 provide for eligibility for Medicaid to be suspended when the
21 person is in custody; and to provide for applications for
22 Medicaid under certain conditions prior to release from
23 custody.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. (a) A person who is sentenced to custody
26 in a city or county jail or to the custody of the Department
27 of Corrections shall have his or her eligibility for Medicaid

1 suspended, but not terminated, during periods of actual
2 custody.

3 (b) A person who is sentenced to custody in a city
4 or county jail or to the custody of the Department of
5 Corrections shall be eligible for temporary reinstatement of
6 Medicaid eligibility for care received outside of a jail or
7 correctional facility in a hospital or other health care
8 facility for more 24 hours.

9 (c) A city or county jail or the Department of
10 Corrections may make efforts to establish eligibility for or
11 renew Medicaid eligibility for a person prior to his or her
12 release from a city or county jail or the custody of the
13 Department of Corrections.

14 Section 2. This act shall be operative one year
15 after the effective date of this act.

16 Section 3. This act shall become effective
17 immediately following its passage and approval by the
18 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.