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Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Aging -- recommitted to the Committee on Aging in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to increasing the income levels for eligible participants in the elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage program (EPIC)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 242 of the elder law,  
2     subdivision 1 as amended by section 4 and subdivision 2 as added by  
3     section 5 of part T of chapter 56 of the laws of 2012, are amended to  
4     read as follows:  
5     1. Persons eligible for comprehensive coverage under section two  
6     hundred forty-seven of this title shall include:  
7     (a) any unmarried resident who is at least sixty-five years of age and  
8     whose income for the calendar year immediately preceding the effective  
9     date of the annual coverage period beginning on or after January first,  
10    two thousand [five] FIFTEEN, is less than or equal to [twenty]  
11    THIRTY-SEVEN thousand FIVE HUNDRED dollars. After the initial determi-  
12    nation of eligibility, each eligible individual must be redetermined  
13    eligible at least every twenty-four months; and  
14    (b) any married resident who is at least sixty-five years of age and  
15    whose income for the calendar year immediately preceding the effective  
16    date of the annual coverage period when combined with the income in the  
17    same calendar year of such married person's spouse beginning on or after  
18    January first, two thousand [one] FIFTEEN, is less than or equal to  
19    [twenty-six] SIXTY-FIVE thousand dollars. After the initial determi-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 nation of eligibility, each eligible individual must be redetermined  
2 eligible at least every twenty-four months.

3 2. Persons eligible for catastrophic coverage under section two  
4 hundred forty-eight of this title shall include:

5 (a) any unmarried resident who is at least sixty-five years of age and  
6 whose income for the calendar year immediately preceding the effective  
7 date of the annual coverage period beginning on or after January first,  
8 two thousand [one] FIFTEEN, is more than twenty thousand and less than  
9 or equal to [thirty-five] THIRTY-SEVEN thousand FIVE HUNDRED dollars.  
10 After the initial determination of eligibility, each eligible individual  
11 must be redetermined eligible at least every twenty-four months; and

12 (b) any married resident who is at least sixty-five years of age and  
13 whose income for the calendar year immediately preceding the effective  
14 date of the annual coverage period when combined with the income in the  
15 same calendar year of such married person's spouse beginning on or after  
16 January first, two thousand [one] FIFTEEN, is more than twenty-six thou-  
17 sand dollars and less than or equal to [fifty] SIXTY-FIVE thousand  
18 dollars. After the initial determination of eligibility, each eligible  
19 individual must be redetermined eligible at least every twenty-four  
20 months.

21 S 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015.