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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1639

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; establishing grants for services for indigent
1.3 individuals with emergency medical conditions or complex or chronic health
1.4 conditions; appropriating money.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE LEGAL REFERRAL AND**
1.7 **ASSISTANCE GRANTS.**

1.8 (a) The commissioner of human services shall award grants to one or more nonprofit
1.9 programs that provide legal services based on indigency to provide legal services to
1.10 individuals with emergency medical conditions or complex and chronic health conditions
1.11 who are not currently eligible for medical assistance or other public health care programs
1.12 based on their legal status, but who may meet eligibility requirements with legal assistance.

1.13 (b) The grantees, in collaboration with hospitals and safety net providers, shall
1.14 provide referral assistance to connect individuals identified in paragraph (a) with
1.15 alternative resources and services to assist in meeting their health care needs.

1.16 (c) \$150,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
1.17 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant or grants under
1.18 this section. This is a onetime appropriation.