

A bill for an act

relating to human services; modifying provisions related to children aging out of foster care; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.055, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.055, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. **Foster children to age 21.** (a) Foster children for whom the commissioner or county has custody and financial responsibility on their 18th birthdays must be enrolled in medical assistance upon the completion of an application and must be certified eligible for medical assistance by the commissioner until their 21st birthdays. Once certified eligible, reapplication is not required.

(b) Pending federal approval of the state plan amendment to implement paragraph (a), the foster children must be covered by state-only funded medical assistance.