

A bill for an act
relating to human services; modifying medical assistance coverage under the
asthma coverage demonstration project; amending Laws 2009, chapter 79, article
5, section 75, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 5, section 75, subdivision 1, is amended to
read:

Subdivision 1. **Medical assistance coverage.** The commissioner of human services
shall establish a demonstration project to provide additional medical assistance coverage
for a maximum of 200 American Indian children in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth
who are burdened by health disparities associated with the cumulative health impact
of toxic environmental exposures. Under this demonstration project, the additional
medical assistance coverage for this population must include, but is not limited to, home
environmental assessments for triggers of asthma, in-home asthma education on the proper
medical management of asthma by a certified asthma educator or public health nurse with
asthma management training limited to two visits per child. Coverage also includes the
following durable medical equipment: high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) cleaners,
HEPA vacuum cleaners, allergy bed and pillow encasements, high filtration filters for
forced air gas furnaces, and dehumidifiers with medical tubing to connect the appliance to
a floor drain, if the listed item is ~~medically necessary~~ useful to reduce asthma symptoms.
Provision of these items of durable medical equipment must be preceded by a home
environmental assessment for triggers of asthma and in-home asthma education on the
proper medical management of asthma by a Certified Asthma Educator or public health
nurse with asthma management training.