

A bill for an act

relating to human services; increasing and indexing the medical assistance mileage reimbursement rate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.0625, subdivision 18a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.0625, subdivision 18a, is amended to read:

Subd. 18a. **Access to medical services.** (a) Medical assistance reimbursement for meals for persons traveling to receive medical care may not exceed \$5.50 for breakfast, \$6.50 for lunch, or \$8 for dinner.

(b) Medical assistance reimbursement for lodging for persons traveling to receive medical care may not exceed \$50 per day unless prior authorized by the local agency.

(c) Medical assistance direct mileage reimbursement to ~~the~~ an eligible person or ~~the~~ an eligible person's driver may not exceed 20 cents per mile friend, neighbor, or relative that is providing direct transportation to a covered service must be at 15 cents below the current Internal Revenue Service mileage reimbursement for business purposes.

(d) Regardless of the number of employees that an enrolled health care provider may have, medical assistance covers sign and oral language interpreter services when provided by an enrolled health care provider during the course of providing a direct, person-to-person covered health care service to an enrolled recipient with limited English proficiency or who has a hearing loss and uses interpreting services.