

A bill for an act
relating to human services; requiring drug screening for MFIP eligibility;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 256J.15, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 256J.15, is amended by adding a
subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. **Eligibility; drug screening.** (a) To be eligible for MFIP, an applicant must
undergo drug and alcohol screening, to the extent practicable, following the established
procedures and reliability safeguards provided for screening in sections 181.951, 181.953,
and 181.954. A county agency may require a recipient of benefits to undergo random drug
screening. An applicant must provide evidence of a negative test result to the appropriate
county agency prior to being approved for MFIP benefits and prior to receiving an
extension of benefits under section 256J.425.

(b) A laboratory must report to the appropriate county agency any positive test
result returned on an applicant or recipient of MFIP benefits. Upon receipt of a positive
test result, a county agency must deny or discontinue benefits until the applicant or
recipient demonstrates a pattern of negative test results that satisfies the agency that the
person is no longer a drug user.

(c) MFIP applicants and recipients shall pay for the full cost of each screening.