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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to health care; extending medical assistance coverage for supported  
 1.3 employment services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256B.0625, by  
 1.4 adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 65. **Supported employment services.** (a) Medical assistance covers supported  
 1.9 employment services for a recipient with barriers to employment. For purposes of this  
 1.10 subdivision, "supported employment services" means the provision of the following services:

1.11 (1) an initial evaluation to assess a recipient's abilities and barriers to employment,  
 1.12 including child care or transportation issues;

1.13 (2) assistance in finding employment, including assistance in resume writing, interview  
 1.14 preparation, and job search techniques; and

1.15 (3) providing ongoing support necessary to sustain employment, including communicating  
 1.16 any special needs to an employer, preparing for career advancement, and getting necessary  
 1.17 additional education or training.

1.18 (b) Recipients who may be eligible for these services shall be referred to the commissioner  
 1.19 or the managed care organization by the recipient's primary care provider or, if applicable,  
 1.20 the recipient's behavioral health home, or by another provider at point of care. At the time  
 1.21 of referral, the provider may provide information on the availability of these services as  
 1.22 well as information on links to resources available on other work support or employment  
 1.23 assistance services.

2.1 (c) The commissioner or managed care organization may contract with a nonprofit  
2.2 organization to provide all or part of these services to eligible recipients.

2.3 (d) The commissioner shall seek all federal Medicaid waivers necessary, including  
2.4 section 1115 and 1915(b) waivers to receive federal funding for the support of employment  
2.5 services described under this subdivision.