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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform  
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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; modifying eligibility for group residential housing;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 256I.04, subdivision 1; 256I.06,  
1.4 subdivision 8.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Individual eligibility requirements.** An individual is eligible for  
1.8 and entitled to a group residential housing payment to be made on the individual's behalf  
1.9 if the agency has approved the individual's residence in a group residential housing setting  
1.10 and the individual meets the requirements in paragraph (a) ~~or~~, (b), or (c).

1.11 (a) The individual is aged, blind, or is over 18 years of age and disabled as  
1.12 determined under the criteria used by the title II program of the Social Security Act, and  
1.13 meets the resource restrictions and standards of section 256P.02, and the individual's  
1.14 countable income after deducting the (1) exclusions and disregards of the SSI program,  
1.15 (2) the medical assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35, and (3) an  
1.16 amount equal to the income actually made available to a community spouse by an elderly  
1.17 waiver participant under the provisions of sections 256B.0575, paragraph (a), clause  
1.18 (4), and 256B.058, subdivision 2, is less than the monthly rate specified in the agency's  
1.19 agreement with the provider of group residential housing in which the individual resides.

1.20 (b) The individual meets a category of eligibility under section 256D.05, subdivision  
1.21 1, paragraph (a), and the individual's resources are less than the standards specified by  
1.22 section 256P.02, and the individual's countable income as determined under sections  
1.23 256D.01 to 256D.21, less the medical assistance personal needs allowance under section

2.1 256B.35 is less than the monthly rate specified in the agency's agreement with the provider  
2.2 of group residential housing in which the individual resides.

2.3 (c) The individual receives licensed residential crisis stabilization services under  
2.4 section 256B.0624, subdivision 7, and is receiving medical assistance. The individual may  
2.5 receive concurrent group residential housing payments when receiving licensed residential  
2.6 crisis stabilization services according to section 256B.0624, subdivision 7.

2.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.06, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

2.8 Subd. 8. **Amount of group residential housing payment.** (a) The amount of  
2.9 a group residential housing payment to be made on behalf of an eligible individual is  
2.10 determined by subtracting the individual's countable income under section 256I.04,  
2.11 subdivision 1, for a whole calendar month from the group residential housing charge for  
2.12 that same month. The group residential housing charge is determined by multiplying the  
2.13 group residential housing rate times the period of time the individual was a resident or  
2.14 temporarily absent under section 256I.05, subdivision 1c, paragraph (d).

2.15 (b) For an individual who receives licensed residential crisis stabilization services  
2.16 according to section 256B.0624, subdivision 7, the amount of group residential housing  
2.17 payment is determined by multiplying the group residential housing rate times the period  
2.18 of time the individual was a resident.