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H. F. No. 1046

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; phasing in an increase in the medical assistance income
1.3 limit for persons who are elderly, blind, or have disabilities; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2018, section 256B.056, subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256B.056, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. Income. (a) To be eligible for medical assistance, a person eligible under section
1.8 256B.055, subdivisions 7, 7a, and 12, may have income up to 100 percent of the federal
1.9 poverty guidelines through June 30, 2019. The commissioner shall increase the income
1.10 limit under this paragraph to the levels specified according to the following schedule:

1.11 (1) 105 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, effective July 1, 2019;

1.12 (2) 110 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, effective July 1, 2020;

1.13 (3) 115 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, effective July 1, 2021;

1.14 (4) 120 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, effective July 1, 2022; and

1.15 (5) 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, effective July 1, 2023.

1.16 Effective January 1, 2000, and each successive January, recipients of Supplemental Security
1.17 Income may have an income up to the Supplemental Security Income standard in effect on
1.18 that date.

1.19 (b) Effective January 1, 2014, to be eligible for medical assistance, under section
1.20 256B.055, subdivision 3a, a parent or caretaker relative may have an income up to 133
1.21 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the household size.

2.1 (c) To be eligible for medical assistance under section 256B.055, subdivision 15, a
2.2 person may have an income up to 133 percent of federal poverty guidelines for the household
2.3 size.

2.4 (d) To be eligible for medical assistance under section 256B.055, subdivision 16, a child
2.5 age 19 to 20 may have an income up to 133 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for
2.6 the household size.

2.7 (e) To be eligible for medical assistance under section 256B.055, subdivision 3a, a child
2.8 under age 19 may have income up to 275 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the
2.9 household size or an equivalent standard when converted using modified adjusted gross
2.10 income methodology as required under the Affordable Care Act. Children who are enrolled
2.11 in medical assistance as of December 31, 2013, and are determined ineligible for medical
2.12 assistance because of the elimination of income disregards under modified adjusted gross
2.13 income methodology as defined in subdivision 1a remain eligible for medical assistance
2.14 under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, Public Law
2.15 111-3, until the date of their next regularly scheduled eligibility redetermination as required
2.16 in subdivision 7a.

2.17 (f) In computing income to determine eligibility of persons under paragraphs (a) to (e)
2.18 who are not residents of long-term care facilities, the commissioner shall disregard increases
2.19 in income as required by Public Laws 94-566, section 503; 99-272; and 99-509. For persons
2.20 eligible under paragraph (a), veteran aid and attendance benefits and Veterans Administration
2.21 unusual medical expense payments are considered income to the recipient.