ARTICLE 16

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 119B.011, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

Subd. 15. Income. (a) "Income" means earned income as defined under section 256P.01, subdivision 3, unearned income as defined under section 256P.01, subdivision 8, and public assistance cash benefits, including the Minnesota family investment program, diversionary work program, work benefit, Minnesota supplemental aid, general assistance, refugee cash assistance, at-home infant child care subsidy payments, and child support and maintenance distributed to the family under section 256.741, subdivision 2a, and nonrecurring income over $60 per quarter unless the nonrecurring income is:

(1) from tax refunds, tax rebates, or tax credits;
(2) from a reimbursement, rebate, award, grant, or refund of personal or real property or costs or losses incurred when these payments are made by a public agency, a court, a solicitation through public appeal, the federal government, a state or local unit of government, or a disaster assistance organization;
(3) provided as an in-kind benefit; or
(4) earmarked and used for the purpose for which it was intended.

The following are deducted from income: funds used to pay for health insurance premiums for family members, and child or spousal support paid to or on behalf of a person or persons who live outside of the household. Income sources not included in this subdivision and section 256P.06, subdivision 3, are not counted as income.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 119B.025, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Changes in eligibility. (a) The county shall process a change in eligibility factors according to paragraphs (b) to (g).

(b) A family is subject to the reporting requirements in section 256P.07, subdivision 6.

(c) If a family reports a change or a change is known to the agency before the family's regularly scheduled redetermination, the county must act on the change. The commissioner shall establish standards for verifying a change.

(d) A change in income occurs on the day the participant received the first payment reflecting the change in income;

(e) During a family's 12-month eligibility period, if the family's income increases and remains at or below 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size; there is no change to the family's eligibility; the county shall not request verification of the change. The co-payment fee shall not increase during the remaining portion of the family's 12-month eligibility period.
During a family's 12-month eligibility period, if the family's income increases and exceeds 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, the family is not eligible for child care assistance. The family must be given 15 calendar days to provide verification of the change. If the required verification is not returned or confirms ineligibility, the family's eligibility ends following a subsequent 15-day adverse action notice.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, parts 3400.0040, subpart 3, and 3400.0170, subpart 1, if an applicant or participant reports that employment ended, the agency may accept a signed statement from the applicant or participant as verification that employment ended.

EFFECTIVE DATE.
This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2b. Budgeting and reporting. Every county agency shall determine eligibility and calculate benefit amounts for general assistance according to chapter 256P.

EFFECTIVE DATE.
This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.0515, is amended to read:

256D.0515 ASSET LIMITATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HOUSEHOLDS.

(a) All Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households must be determined eligible for the benefit discussed under section 256.029. SNAP households must demonstrate that their gross income is equal to or less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the same family size.

(b) The governor or the commissioner of human services cannot waive federal work requirements for SNAP households, except as provided under section 256D.0512, and counties must verify that SNAP households are meeting their work requirements.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.0516, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. SNAP reporting requirements. The commissioner of human services shall implement simplified reporting as permitted under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended; and the SNAP regulations in Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, part 273. SNAP benefit recipient households required to report periodically shall not be required to report...
more often than one time every six months. This provision shall not apply to households receiving food benefits under the Minnesota family investment program waiver.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Subdivision 1. Eligibility; amount of assistance. General assistance shall be granted to an individual or married couple in an amount that when added to the countable income as determined to be actually equal to the difference between the countable income available to the assistance unit under section 256P.06, the total amount equals the applicable standard of assistance for general assistance and the standard for the individual or married couple using the MFIP transitional standard cash portion described in section 256J.24, subdivision 5, paragraph (a). In determining eligibility for and the amount of assistance for an individual or married couple, the agency shall apply the earned income disregard as determined in section 256P.03.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective October 1, 2023.

Subd. 2. Emergency need. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1, a grant of emergency general assistance shall, to the extent funds are available, be made to an eligible single adult, married couple, or family for an emergency need where the recipient requests temporary assistance not exceeding 30 days if an emergency situation appears to exist under written criteria adopted by the county agency. If an applicant or recipient relates facts to the county agency which may be sufficient to constitute an emergency situation, the county agency shall, to the extent funds are available, advise the person of the procedure for applying for assistance according to this subdivision.

(b) The applicant must be ineligible for assistance under chapter 256J, must have annual net income no greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the previous calendar year, and may only receive an emergency assistance grant not more than once in any 12-month period.

(c) Funding for an emergency general assistance program is limited to the appropriation.

(d) Any emergency general assistance expenditures by a county above the amount of the commissioner's allocation to the county must be made from county funds.
Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.06, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. Eligibility; requirements. (a) Any applicant, otherwise eligible for general assistance and possibly eligible for maintenance benefits from any other source shall (1) make application for those benefits within 30 days of the general assistance application; unless an applicant had good cause to not apply within that period; and (2) execute an interim assistance agreement on a form as directed by the commissioner.

(b) The commissioner shall review a denial of an application for other maintenance benefits and may require a recipient of general assistance to file an appeal of the denial if appropriate. If found eligible for benefits from other sources, and a payment received from another source relates to the period during which general assistance was also being received, the recipient shall be required to reimburse the county agency for the interim assistance paid. Reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of general assistance paid during the time period to which the other maintenance benefits apply and shall not exceed the state standard applicable to that time period.

(c) The commissioner may contract with the county agencies, qualified agencies, organizations, or persons to provide advocacy and support services to process claims for federal disability benefits for applicants or recipients of services or benefits supervised by the commissioner using money retained under this section.

(d) The commissioner may provide methods by which county agencies shall identify, refer, and assist recipients who may be eligible for benefits under federal programs for people with a disability.

The total amount of interim assistance recoveries retained under this section for advocacy, support, and claim processing services shall not exceed 35 percent of the interim assistance recoveries in the prior fiscal year.

THE FOLLOWING EIGHT SECTIONS ARE FROM SENATE ARTICLE 10.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.35, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Establishment. The Minnesota family assets for independence initiative is established to provide incentives for low-income families to accrue assets for education, housing, vehicles, emergencies, and economic development purposes.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.35, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

(b) "Eligible educational institution" means the following:

(1) an institution of higher education described in section 101 or 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; or
(2) an area vocational education school, as defined in subparagraph (C) or (D) of United States Code, title 20, chapter 44, section 2302 (3) (the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act), which is located within any state, as defined in United States Code, title 20, chapter 44, section 2302 (30). This clause is applicable only to the extent section 2302 is in effect on August 1, 2008.

(c) "Family asset account" means a savings account opened by a household participating in the Minnesota family assets for independence initiative.

(d) "Fiduciary organization" means:

(1) a community action agency that has obtained recognition under section 256E.31;

(2) a federal community development credit union serving the seven-county metropolitan area;

(3) a women-oriented economic development agency serving the seven-county metropolitan area;

(4) a federally recognized Tribal nation; or

(5) a nonprofit organization, as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(e) "Financial coach" means a person who:

(1) has completed an intensive financial literacy training workshop that includes curriculum on budgeting to increase savings, debt reduction and asset building, building a good credit rating, and consumer protection;

(2) participates in ongoing statewide family assets for independence in Minnesota (FAIM) network training meetings under FAIM program supervision; and

(3) provides financial coaching to program participants under subdivision 4a.

(f) "Financial institution" means a bank, bank and trust, savings bank, savings association, or credit union, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration.

(g) "Household" means all individuals who share use of a dwelling unit as primary quarters for living and eating separate from other individuals.

(h) "Permissible use" means:

(1) postsecondary educational expenses at an eligible educational institution as defined in paragraph (b), including books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction;

(2) acquisition costs of acquiring, constructing, or reconstructing a residence, including any usual or reasonable settlement, financing, or other closing costs;
(3) business capitalization expenses for expenditures on capital, plant, equipment, working
capital, and inventory expenses of a legitimate business pursuant to a business plan approved
by the fiduciary organization;

(4) acquisition costs of a principal residence within the meaning of section 1034 of the
Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which do not exceed 100 percent of the average area purchase
price applicable to the residence determined according to section 143(e)(2) and (3) of the
Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

(5) acquisition costs of a personal vehicle only if approved by the fiduciary organization

(6) contributions to an emergency savings account; and

(7) contributions to a Minnesota 529 savings plan.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.35, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

Subd. 4a. Financial coaching. A financial coach shall provide the following to program
participants:

(1) financial education relating to budgeting, debt reduction, asset-specific training,
credit building, and financial stability activities;

(2) asset-specific training related to buying a home or vehicle, acquiring postsecondary
education, starting or expanding a small business, saving for emergencies, or saving for
a child’s education; and

(3) financial stability education and training to improve and sustain financial security.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.35, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. Withdrawal; matching; permissible uses. (a) To receive a match, a
participating household must transfer funds withdrawn from a family asset account to its
matching fund custodial account held by the fiscal agent, according to the family asset
agreement. The fiscal agent must determine if the match request is for a permissible use
consistent with the household’s family asset agreement;

(b) The fiscal agent must ensure the household’s custodial account contains the applicable
matching funds to match the balance in the household’s account, including interest, on at
least a quarterly basis and at the time of an approved withdrawal. Matches must be a
contribution of $3 from state grant or TANF funds for every $1 of funds withdrawn from
the family asset account not to exceed a $6,000 lifetime limit.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), if funds are appropriated for the Federal Assets for
Independence Act of 1998, and a participating fiduciary organization is awarded a grant
under that act, participating households with that fiduciary organization must be provided
matches as follows:
from state grant and TANF funds, a matching contribution of $1.50 for every $1 of funds withdrawn from the family asset account not to exceed a $3,000 lifetime limit; and

(2) from nonstate funds, a matching contribution of not less than $1.50 for every $1 of funds withdrawn from the family asset account not to exceed a $3,000 lifetime limit.

d) Upon receipt of transferred custodial account funds, the fiscal agent must make a direct payment to the vendor of the goods or services for the permissible use.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.35, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. Program reporting. The fiscal agent on behalf of each fiduciary organization participating in a family assets for independence initiative must report quarterly to the commissioner of human services identifying the participants with accounts, the number of accounts, the amount of savings and matches for each participant's account, the uses of the account, and the number of businesses, homes, vehicles, and educational services paid for with money from the account, and the amount of contributions to Minnesota 529 savings plans and emergency savings accounts, as well as other information that may be required for the commissioner to administer the program and meet federal TANF reporting requirements.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256E.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

c) "Eligible organization" means a local governmental unit, federally recognized Tribal Nation, or nonprofit organization providing or seeking to provide emergency services for homeless persons.

d) "Emergency services" means:

(1) providing emergency shelter for homeless persons; and

(2) assisting homeless persons in obtaining essential services, including:

(i) access to permanent housing;

(ii) medical and psychological help;

(iii) employment counseling and job placement;

(iv) substance abuse treatment;

(v) financial assistance available from other programs;

(vi) emergency child care;

(vii) transportation; and
(viii) other services needed to stabilize housing.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2022.

Sec. 10. [256E.361] EMERGENCY SHELTER FACILITIES GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meanings given:

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services.

(c) "Eligible organization" means a local governmental unit, federally recognized Tribal Nation, or nonprofit organization seeking to acquire, construct, renovate, furnish, or equip facilities for emergency homeless shelters for individuals and families experiencing homelessness;

(d) "Emergency services" has the meaning given in section 256E.36, subdivision 1,

(e) "Emergency shelter facility" or "facility" means a facility that provides a safe, sanitary, accessible, and suitable emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, regardless of whether the facility provides emergency shelter for emergency services during the day, overnight, or both;

Subd. 2. Program established; purpose. An emergency shelter facilities grant program is established to help eligible organizations acquire, construct, renovate, furnish, or equip emergency shelter facilities for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The program shall be administered by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. Distribution of grants. The commissioner must make grants with the purpose of ensuring that emergency shelter facilities are available to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness statewide;

Subd. 4. Applications. An eligible organization may apply to the commissioner for a grant to acquire, construct, renovate, furnish, or equip an emergency shelter facility providing or seeking to provide emergency services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The commissioner shall use a competitive request for proposal process to identify potential projects and eligible organizations on a statewide basis;

Subd. 5. Criteria for grant awards. The commissioner shall award grants based on the following criteria:

(1) whether the application is for a grant to acquire, construct, renovate, furnish, or equip an emergency shelter facility for individuals and families experiencing homelessness;

(2) evidence of the applicant's need for state assistance and the need for the particular facility to be funded; and
the applicant's long-range plans for future funding if the need continues to exist for
the emergency services provided at the facility.

Subd. 6. Availability of appropriations. Appropriations under this section are available
for a four-year period that begins on July 1 of the fiscal year in which the appropriation
occurs. Unspent funds at the end of the four-year period shall be returned back to the general
fund.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256I.03, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. Prospective budgeting. "Prospective budgeting" means estimating the amount
of monthly income a person will have in the payment month has the meaning given in
section 256P.01, subdivision 9.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256I.06, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. Reports. Recipients must report changes in circumstances according to section
256P.07 that affect eligibility or housing support payment amounts, other than changes in
earned income, within ten days of the change. Recipients with countable earned income
must complete a household report form at least once every six months according to section
256P.10. If the report form is not received before the end of the month in which it is due,
the county agency must terminate eligibility for housing support payments. The termination
shall be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the report was
due. If a complete report is received within the month eligibility was terminated, the
individual is considered to have continued an application for housing support payment
effective the first day of the month the eligibility was terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256I.06, subdivision 8, is amended
to read:

Subd. 8. Amount of housing support payment. (a) The amount of a room and board
payment to be made on behalf of an eligible individual is determined by subtracting the
individual's countable income under section 256I.04, subdivision 1, for a whole calendar
month from the room and board rate for that same month. The housing support payment is
determined by multiplying the housing support rate times the period of time the individual
was a resident or temporarily absent under section 256I.05, subdivision 2a.

(b) For an individual with earned income under paragraph (a), prospective budgeting
under section 256P.09 must be used to determine the amount of the individual's payment
for the following six-month period. An increase in income shall not affect an individual's
eligibility or payment amount until the month following the reporting month. A decrease
in income shall be effective the first day of the month after the month in which the decrease
is reported.
For an individual who receives housing support payments under section 256I.04, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), the amount of the housing support payment is determined by multiplying the housing support rate times the period of time the individual was a resident.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256I.09, is amended to read:

256I.09 COMMUNITY LIVING INFRASTRUCTURE.

The commissioner shall award grants to agencies through an annual competitive process. Grants awarded under this section may be used for: (1) outreach to locate and engage people who are homeless or residing in segregated settings to screen for basic needs and assist with referral to community living resources; (2) building capacity to provide technical assistance and consultation on housing and related support service resources for persons with both disabilities and low income; or (3) streamlining the administration and monitoring activities related to housing support funds; or (4) direct assistance to individuals to access or maintain housing in community settings. Agencies may collaborate and submit a joint application for funding under this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.08, subdivision 71, is amended to read:

Subd. 71. Prospective budgeting. "Prospective budgeting" means a method of determining the amount of the assistance payment in which the budget month and payment month are the same as the meaning given in section 256P.01, subdivision 9.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.08, subdivision 79, is amended to read:

Subd. 79. Recurring income. "Recurring income" means a form of income which is: (1) received periodically, and may be received irregularly when receipt can be anticipated even though the date of receipt cannot be predicted; and (2) from the same source or of the same type that is received and budgeted in a prospective month and is received in one or both of the first two retrospective months.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256J.21, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Initial income test. (a) The agency shall determine initial eligibility by considering all earned and unearned income as defined in section 256P.06. To be eligible for MFIP, the assistance unit's countable income minus the earned income disregards in paragraph (a) and section 256P.03 must be below the family wage level according to section 256J.24, subdivision 7, for that size assistance unit.

(1) The initial eligibility determination must disregard the following items:

...
(1) the earned income disregard as determined in section 256P.03;

(2) dependent care costs must be deducted from gross earned income for the actual amount paid for dependent care up to a maximum of $200 per month for each child less than two years of age, and $175 per month for each child two years of age and older;

(3) all payments made according to a court order for spousal support or the support of children not living in the assistance unit's household shall be disregarded from the income of the person with the legal obligation to pay support; and

(4) an allocation for the unmet need of an ineligible spouse or an ineligible child under the age of 21 for whom the caregiver is financially responsible and who lives with the caregiver according to section 256J.36.

(b) After initial eligibility is established, the income test is for a six-month period.

(c) The income test calculation is based on the monthly income test prospective budgeting according to section 256P.09.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.21, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Monthly Income test and determination of assistance payment. The county agency shall determine ongoing eligibility and the assistance payment amount according to the monthly income test. To be eligible for MFIP, the result of the computations in paragraphs (a) to (e) applied to prospective budgeting must be at least $1.

(a) Apply an income disregard as defined in section 256P.03, to gross earnings and subtract this amount from the family wage level. If the difference is equal to or greater than the MFIP transitional standard, the assistance payment is equal to the MFIP transitional standard. If the difference is less than the MFIP transitional standard, the assistance payment is equal to the difference. The earned income disregard in this paragraph must be deducted every month there is earned income.

(b) All payments made according to a court order for spousal support or the support of children not living in the assistance unit's household must be disregarded from the income of the person with the legal obligation to pay support.

(c) An allocation for the unmet need of an ineligible spouse or an ineligible child under the age of 21 for whom the caregiver is financially responsible and who lives with the caregiver must be made according to section 256J.36.

(d) Subtract unearned income dollar for dollar from the MFIP transitional standard to determine the assistance payment amount.

(e) When income is both earned and unearned, the amount of the assistance payment must be determined by first treating gross earned income as specified in paragraph (a). After determining the amount of the assistance payment under paragraph (a), unearned income...
must be subtracted from that amount dollar for dollar to determine the assistance payment
amount.

When the monthly income is greater than the MFIP transitional standard after
deductions and the income will only exceed the standard for one month, the county agency
must suspend the assistance payment for the payment month.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256J.33, subdivision 1, is amended
to read:

Subdivision 1. Determination of eligibility. (a) A county agency must determine MFIP
eligibility prospectively for a payment month based on retrospectively assessing income
and the county agency's best estimate of the circumstances that will exist in the payment
month.

(b) Except as described in section 256J.34, subdivision 1, when prospective eligibility
exists, a county agency must calculate the amount of the assistance payment using
retrospective prospective budgeting. To determine MFIP eligibility and the assistance
amount, a county agency must apply countable income, described in sections
256P.06 and 256J.37, subdivisions 3 to 449, received by members of an assistance unit or
by other persons whose income is counted for the assistance unit, described under sections
256J.37, subdivisions 1 to 2, and 256P.06, subdivision 1;

(c) This income must be applied to the MFIP standard of need or family wage level
subject to this section and sections 256J.34 to 256J.36. Countable income as described in
section 256P.06, subdivision 3, received in a calendar month must be applied to the needs
of an assistance unit.

(d) An assistance unit is not eligible when the countable income equals or exceeds the
MFIP standard of need or the family wage level for the assistance unit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section is effective March 1, 2024, except that the amendment
to paragraph (b) striking "10" and inserting "9" is effective July 1, 2023.

Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.33, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Prospective eligibility. An agency must determine whether the eligibility
requirements that pertain to an assistance unit, including those in sections 256J.11 to 256J.15
and 256P.02, will be met prospectively for the payment month period. Except for the
provisions in section 256J.34, subdivision 1, the income test will be applied retrospectively
prospectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section is effective March 1, 2024.
Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.37, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Earned income of wage, salary, and contractual employees. The agency must include gross earned income less any disregards in the initial and monthly income test. Gross earned income received by persons employed on a contractual basis must be prorated over the period covered by the contract even when payments are received over a lesser period of time.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.37, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

Subd. 3a. Rental subsidies; unearned income. (a) Effective July 1, 2003, the agency shall count $50 of the value of public and assisted rental subsidies provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as unearned income to the cash portion of the MFIP grant. The full amount of the subsidy must be counted as unearned income when the subsidy is less than $50. The income from this subsidy shall be budgeted according to section 256J.34, subdivision 1.

(b) The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to an MFIP assistance unit which includes a participant who is:

(1) age 60 or older;

(2) a caregiver who is suffering from an illness, injury, or incapacity that has been certified by a qualified professional when the illness, injury, or incapacity is expected to continue for more than 30 days and severely limits the person’s ability to obtain or maintain suitable employment; or

(3) a caregiver whose presence in the home is required due to the illness or incapacity of another member in the assistance unit, a relative in the household, or a foster child in the household when the illness or incapacity and the need for the participant’s presence in the home has been certified by a qualified professional and is expected to continue for more than 30 days.

(c) The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to an MFIP assistance unit where the parental caregiver is an SSI participant.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.95, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

Subd. 19. DWP overpayments and underpayments. DWP benefits are subject to overpayments and underpayments. Anytime an overpayment or an underpayment is determined for DWP, the correction shall be calculated using prospective budgeting.
specified in section 256P.08, subdivision 7. Cross program recoupment of overpayments cannot be assigned to or from DWP.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256K.45, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Street and community outreach and drop-in program. Youth drop-in centers must provide walk-in access to crisis intervention and ongoing supportive services including one-to-one case management services on a self-referral basis. Street and community outreach programs must locate, contact, and provide information, referrals, and services to homeless youth, youth at risk of homelessness, and runaways. Information, referrals, and services provided may include, but are not limited to:

1. family reunification services;
2. conflict resolution or mediation counseling;
3. assistance in obtaining temporary emergency shelter;
4. assistance in obtaining food, clothing, medical care, or mental health counseling;
5. counseling regarding violence, sexual exploitation, substance abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, and pregnancy;
6. referrals to other agencies that provide support services to homeless youth, youth at risk of homelessness, and runaways;
7. assistance with education, employment, and independent living skills;
8. aftercare services;
9. specialized services for highly vulnerable runaways and homeless youth, including but not limited to youth at risk of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, young parents, emotionally disturbed and mentally ill youth, and sexually exploited youth; and
10. homelessness prevention.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. **Prospective budgeting.** "Prospective budgeting" means estimating the amount of monthly income that an assistance unit will have in the payment month.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.
Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.02, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. Exemption. Participants who qualify for child care assistance programs under chapter 119B are exempt from this section, except that the personal property identified in subdivision 2 is counted toward the asset limit of the child care assistance program under chapter 119B. Vehicles under subdivision 3 and accounts under subdivision 4 are not counted toward the asset limit of the child care assistance program under chapter 119B.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Personal property limitations. The equity value of an assistance unit's personal property listed in clauses (1) to (5) must not exceed $10,000 for applicants and participants. For purposes of this subdivision, personal property is limited to:

1. cash;
2. bank accounts not excluded under subdivision 4;
3. liquid stocks and bonds that can be readily accessed without a financial penalty;
4. vehicles not excluded under subdivision 3; and
5. the full value of business accounts used to pay expenses not related to the business.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. Account exception. Family asset accounts under section 256E.35 and individual development accounts authorized under the Assets for Independence Act, Title IV of the Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, Public Law 105-285, shall be excluded when determining the equity value of personal property.

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS FROM SENATE ARTICLE 5.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Earned income disregard. The agency shall disregard the first $65 of earned income plus one-half 60 percent of the remaining earned income per month.
(3) immigration status;
(4) income;
(5) spousal support and child support payments made to persons outside the household;
(6) vehicles;
(7) checking and savings accounts, including but not limited to any business accounts used to pay expenses not related to the business;
(8) inconsistent information, if related to eligibility;
(9) residence; and
(10) Social Security number.

(a) Applicants who are qualified noncitizens and victims of domestic violence as defined under section 256J.08, subdivision 73, clauses (8) and (9), are not required to verify the information in paragraph (a), clause (10). When a Social Security number is not provided to the agency for verification, this requirement is satisfied when each member of the assistance unit cooperates with the procedures for verification of Social Security numbers, issuance of duplicate cards, and issuance of new numbers which have been established jointly between the Social Security Administration and the commissioner.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023.

Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.04, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. Recertification. The agency shall recertify eligibility annually. During recertification and reporting under section 256P.10, the agency shall verify the following:

(1) income, unless excluded, including self-employment earnings;
(2) assets when the value is within $200 of the asset limit; and
(3) inconsistent information, if related to eligibility.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Income inclusions. The following must be included in determining the income of an assistance unit:

(1) earned income; and
unearned income, which includes:

(i) interest and dividends from investments and savings;
(ii) capital gains as defined by the Internal Revenue Service from any sale of real property;
(iii) proceeds from rent and contract for deed payments in excess of the principal and interest portion owed on property;
(iv) income from trusts, excluding special needs and supplemental needs trusts;
(v) interest income from loans made by the participant or household;
(vi) cash prizes and winnings;
(vii) unemployment insurance income that is received by an adult member of the assistance unit unless the individual receiving unemployment insurance income is:
   (A) 18 years of age and enrolled in a secondary school; or
   (B) 18 or 19 years of age, a caregiver, and is enrolled in school at least half-time;
(viii) for the purposes of programs under chapters 256D and 256I, retirement, survivors, and disability insurance payments;
(ix) nonrecurring income over $60 per quarter unless the nonrecurring income is: (A) from tax refunds, tax rebates, or tax credits; (B) a reimbursement, rebate, award, grant, or refund of personal or real property or costs or losses incurred when these payments are made by a public agency, a court, solicitations through public appeal, a federal, state, or local unit of government, or a disaster assistance organization; (C) provided as an in-kind benefit; or (D) earmarked and used for the purpose for which it was intended, subject to verification requirements under section 256D.04;
(x) retirement benefits;
(xi) cash assistance benefits, as defined by each program in chapters 119B, 256D, 256I, and 256J;
(xii) Tribal per capita payments unless excluded by federal and state law;
(xiii) income and payments from service and rehabilitation programs that meet or exceed the state's minimum wage rate;
(xiv) income from members of the United States armed forces unless excluded from income taxes according to federal or state law;
(xv) for the purposes of programs under chapters 119B, 256D, and 256I, all child support payments for programs under chapters 119B, 256D, and 256I.
(xvi) for the purposes of programs under chapter 256J, the amount of child support received that exceeds $100 for assistance units with one child and $200 for assistance units with two or more children for programs under chapter 256J;
(xvii) spousal support; and
(xviii) workers' compensation; and
(xviii) for the purposes of programs under chapters 119B and 256J, the amount of retirement, survivors, and disability insurance payments that exceeds the applicable monthly federal maximum Supplemental Security Income payments.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2022, except the amendment removing nonrecurring income over $60 per quarter is effective July 1, 2023.

Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
Subdivision 1. Exempted programs. Participants who receive Supplemental Security Income and qualify for Minnesota supplemental aid under chapter 256D or for housing support under chapter 256I on the basis of eligibility for Supplemental Security Income are exempt from this section reporting income under this chapter.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
Subd. 1a. Child care assistance programs. Participants who qualify for child care assistance programs under chapter 119B are exempt from this section except the reporting requirements in subdivision 6.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
Subd. 2. Reporting requirements. An applicant or participant must provide information on an application and any subsequent reporting forms about the assistance unit's circumstances that affect eligibility or benefits. An applicant or assistance unit must report changes that affect eligibility or benefits as identified in subdivisions 3, 4, 5, and that occurred during the application period or by the tenth of the month following the month the assistance unit's circumstances changed. When information or documentation is not provided, the receipt of any benefit may be delayed or denied, depending on the type of information required and its effect on eligibility.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.
Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. Changes that must be reported. An assistance unit must report the changes or anticipated changes specified in clauses (1) to (12) within ten days of the date they occur, at the time of recertification of eligibility under section 256P.04, subdivisions 8 and 9, or within eight calendar days of a reporting period, whichever occurs first. An assistance unit must report other changes at the time of recertification of eligibility under section 256P.04, subdivisions 8 and 9, or at the end of a reporting period, as applicable. When an agency could have reduced or terminated assistance for one or more payment months if a delay in reporting a change specified under clauses (1) to (12) had not occurred, the agency must determine whether a timely notice could have been issued on the day that the change occurred. When a timely notice could have been issued, each month’s overpayment subsequent to that notice must be considered a client error overpayment under section 119B.11, subdivision 2a, or 256P.08. Changes in circumstances that must be reported within ten days must also be reported for the reporting period in which those changes occurred. Within ten days, an assistance unit must report:

1. a change in earned income of $100 per month or greater with the exception of a program under chapter 119B;
2. a change in unearned income of $50 per month or greater with the exception of a program under chapter 119B;
3. a change in employment status and hours with the exception of a program under chapter 119B;
4. a change in address or residence;
5. a change in household composition with the exception of programs under chapter 256I;
6. a receipt of a lump-sum payment with the exception of a program under chapter 119B;
7. an increase in assets if over $9,000 with the exception of programs under chapter 119B;
8. a change in citizenship or immigration status;
9. a change in family status with the exception of programs under chapter 256I;
10. a change in disability status of a unit member, with the exception of programs under chapter 119B;
11. a new rent subsidy or a change in rent subsidy with the exception of a program under chapter 119B; and
An assistance unit must report changes or anticipated changes as described in this subdivision.

(a) An assistance unit must report:

(1) a change in eligibility for Supplemental Security Income, Retirement Survivors Disability Insurance, or another federal income support;

(2) a change in address or residence;

(3) a change in household composition with the exception of programs under chapter 256J;

(4) cash prizes and winnings according to guidance provided for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

(5) a change in citizenship or immigration status;

(6) a change in family status with the exception of programs under chapter 256J; and

(7) a change that makes the value of the unit's assets at or above the asset limit.

When an agency could have reduced or terminated assistance for one or more payment months if a delay in reporting a change specified under paragraph (b) had not occurred, the agency must determine the first month that the agency could have reduced or terminated assistance following a timely notice given on the date of the change in income. Each month's overpayment starting with that month must be considered a client error overpayment under section 256P.08.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024, except that the amendment striking clause (6) is effective July 1, 2023.

Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. MFIP-specific reporting. In addition to subdivision 3, an assistance unit under chapter 256J within ten days of the change, must report:

(1) a pregnancy not resulting in birth when there are no other minor children; and

(2) a change in school attendance of a parent under 20 years of age or of an employed child; and

(3) an individual in the household who is 18 or 19 years of age attending high school who graduates or drops out of school.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.
Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. Child care assistance programs-specific reporting. (a) In addition to subdivision 3, an assistance unit under chapter 119B, within ten days of the change, must report:
   (1) a change in a parentally responsible individual's custody schedule for any child receiving child care assistance program benefits;
   (2) a permanent end in a parentally responsible individual's authorized activity; and
   (3) if the unit's family's annual included income exceeds 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size;
   (4) a change in address or residence;
   (5) a change in household composition;
   (6) a change in citizenship or immigration status; and
   (7) a change in family status.

(b) An assistance unit subject to section 119B.095, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), must report a change in the unit's authorized activity status.

(c) An assistance unit must notify the county when the unit wants to reduce the number of authorized hours for children in the unit.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. Minnesota supplemental aid-specific reporting. (a) In addition to subdivision 3, an assistance unit participating in the Minnesota supplemental aid program under section 256D.44, subdivision 5, paragraph (g), within ten days of the change, chapter 256D and not receiving Supplemental Security Income must report:
   (1) a change in unearned income of $50 per month or greater; and
   (2) a change in earned income of $100 per month or greater.

(b) An assistance unit receiving housing assistance under section 256D.44, subdivision 5, paragraph (g), including assistance units that also receive Supplemental Security Income, must report:
   (1) a change in shelter expenses; and
   (2) a new rent subsidy or a change in rent subsidy.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.
Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. Housing support-specific reporting. (a) In addition to subdivision 3, an assistance unit participating in the housing support program under chapter 256I and not receiving Supplemental Security Income must report:

(1) a change in unearned income of $50 per month or greater; and

(2) a change in earned income of $100 per month or greater, unless the assistance unit is already subject to six-month reporting requirements in section 256P.10.

(b) Notwithstanding the exemptions in subdivisions 1 and 3, an assistance unit receiving housing support under chapter 256I, including an assistance unit that receives Supplemental Security Income, must report:

(1) a new rent subsidy or a change in rent subsidy;

(2) a change in the disability status of a unit member; and

(3) a change in household composition if the assistance unit is a participant in housing support under section 256I.04, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (3).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. General assistance-specific reporting. In addition to subdivision 3, an assistance unit participating in the general assistance program under chapter 256D must report:

(1) a change in unearned income of $50 per month or greater;

(2) a change in earned income of $100 per month or greater, unless the assistance unit is already subject to six-month reporting requirements in section 256P.10; and

(3) changes in any condition that would result in the loss of basis for eligibility in section 256D.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subdivision 1. Exempted programs. Assistance units that qualify for child care assistance programs under chapter 119B, assistance units that receive housing support under chapter 256I and are not subject to reporting under section 256P.10, and assistance units that qualify for Minnesota supplemental aid under chapter 256D are exempt from this section.
Subd. 2. **Prospective budgeting of benefits.** An agency subject to this chapter must use prospective budgeting to calculate the assistance payment amount.

Subd. 3. **Initial income.** For the purpose of determining an assistance unit's level of benefits, an agency must take into account the income already received by the assistance unit during or anticipated to be received during the application period. Income anticipated to be received only in the initial month of eligibility should only be counted in the initial month.

Subd. 4. **Income determination.** An agency must use prospective budgeting to determine the amount of the assistance unit's benefit for the eligibility period based on the best information available at the time of approval. An agency shall only count anticipated income when the participant and the agency are reasonably certain of the amount of the payment and the month in which the payment will be received. If the exact amount of the income is not known, the agency shall consider only the amounts that can be anticipated as income.

Subd. 5. **Income changes.** An increase in income shall not affect an assistance unit's eligibility or benefit amount until the next review unless otherwise required to be reported in section 256P.07. A decrease in income shall be effective on the date that the change occurs if the change is reported by the tenth of the month following the month when the change occurred. If the assistant unit does not report the change in income by the tenth of the month following the month when the change occurred, the change in income shall be effective on the date the change was reported.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

Sec. 39. **[256P.10] SIX-MONTH REPORTING.**

Subdivision 1. **Exempted programs.** Assistance units that qualify for child care assistance programs under chapter 119B, assistance units that qualify for Minnesota supplemental aid under chapter 256D, and assistance units that qualify for housing support under chapter 256I and also receive Supplemental Security Income are exempt from this section.

Subd. 2. **Reporting.** (a) An assistance unit that qualifies for the Minnesota family investment program under chapter 256J, an assistance unit that qualifies for general assistance under chapter 256D with an earned income of $100 per month or greater, or an assistance unit that qualifies for housing support under chapter 256I with an earned income of $100 per month or greater is subject to six-month reviews. The initial reporting period may be shorter than six months in order to align with other programs' reporting periods.

(b) An assistance unit that qualifies for the Minnesota family investment program or an assistance unit that qualifies for general assistance with an earned income of $100 per month or greater must complete household report forms as required by the commissioner for redetermination of benefits.
(c) An assistance unit that qualifies for housing support with an earned income of $100 per month or greater must complete household report forms as prescribed by the commissioner to provide information about earned income.

(d) An assistance unit that qualifies for housing support and also receives assistance through the Minnesota family investment program shall be subject to requirements of this section for purposes of the Minnesota family investment program but not for housing support.

(e) An assistance unit covered by this section must submit a household report form in compliance with the provisions in section 256P.04, subdivision 11.

(f) An assistance unit covered by this section may choose to report changes under this section at any time.

Subd. 3. When to terminate assistance. (a) An agency must terminate benefits when the assistance unit fails to submit the household report form before the end of the six-month review period as described in subdivision 2, paragraph (a). If the assistance unit submits the household report form within 30 days of the termination of benefits and remains eligible, benefits must be reinstated and made available retroactively for the full benefit month.

(b) When an assistance unit is determined to be ineligible for assistance according to this section and chapter 256D, 256I, or 256J, the commissioner must terminate assistance.

Sec. 40. PILOT PROGRAM FOR CHOSEN FAMILY HOSTING TO PREVENT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS.

Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of human services must establish a pilot program for providers seeking to establish or expand services for homeless youth that formalize situations where a caring adult who a youth considers chosen family allows a youth to stay at the adult's residence to avoid being homeless.

Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them:

(b) "Chosen family" means any individual, related by blood or affinity, whose close association fulfills the need of a familial relationship.

(c) "Set of participants" means a youth aged 18 to 24 and (1) an adult host who is the youth's chosen family and with whom the youth is living in an intergenerational hosting arrangement to avoid being homeless, or (2) a relative with whom the youth is living to avoid being homeless.

Subd. 3. Administration. (a) The commissioner of human services, as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, section 256.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (6), shall contract with a technical assistance provider to:

(1) provide technical assistance to funding recipients;
(2) facilitate a monthly learning cohort for funding recipients;

(3) evaluate the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the pilot program; and

(4) submit annual updates and a final report to the commissioner.

(b) When developing the criteria for awarding funds, the commissioner must include a requirement that all funding recipients:

(1) partner with sets of participants, with a case manager caseload consistent with existing norms for homeless youth;

(2) mediate agreements within each set of participants about shared expectations regarding the living arrangement;

(3) provide monthly stipends to sets of participants to offset the costs created by the living arrangement;

(4) connect sets of participants to community resources;

(5) if the adult host is a renter, help facilitate ongoing communication between the property owner and adult host;

(6) offer strategies to address barriers faced by adult hosts who are renters;

(7) assist the youth in identifying and strengthening their circle of support, giving focused attention to adults who can serve as permanent connections and provide ongoing support throughout the youth’s life; and

(8) actively participate in monthly cohort meetings.

Subd. 4. Technical assistance provider. The commissioner must select a technical assistance provider to provide assistance to funding recipients. In order to be selected, the technical assistance provider must:

(1) have in-depth experience with research on and evaluation of youth homelessness from a holistic perspective that addresses the four core outcomes developed by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness to prevent and end youth homelessness;

(2) offer education and have previous experience providing technical assistance on supporting chosen family hosting arrangements to organizations that serve homeless youth;

(3) have expertise on how to address barriers faced by chosen family hosts who are renters; and

(4) be located in Minnesota.

Subd. 5. Eligible applicants. To be eligible for funding under this section, an applicant must be a provider serving homeless youth in Minnesota. The money must be awarded to funding recipients beginning no later than March 31, 2023.
Subd. 6. Applications. Providers seeking funding under this section shall apply to the commissioner. The applicant must include a description of the project that the applicant is proposing, the amount of money that the applicant is seeking, and a proposed budget describing how the applicant will spend the money.

Subd. 7. Reporting. The technical assistance provider must submit annual updates and a final report to the commissioner in a manner specified by the commissioner on the technical assistance provider's findings regarding the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the pilot program.

Sec. 41. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER; INCOME AND ASSET EXCLUSION FOR LOCAL GUARANTEED INCOME DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meanings given:

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of human services unless specified otherwise.

c) "Guaranteed income demonstration project" means a local demonstration project to evaluate how unconditional cash payments have a causal effect on income volatility, financial well-being, and early childhood development in infants and toddlers.

Subd. 2. Commissioner; income and asset exclusion. (a) During the duration of the guaranteed income demonstration project, the commissioner shall not count payments made to families by the guaranteed income demonstration project as income or assets for purposes of determining or redetermining eligibility for the following programs:

1. child care assistance programs under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B; and
2. the Minnesota family investment program, work benefit program, or diversionary work program under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256J.

(b) During the duration of the guaranteed income demonstration project, the commissioner shall not count payments made to families by the guaranteed income demonstration project as income or assets for purposes of determining or redetermining eligibility for the following programs:

1. medical assistance under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B; and
2. MinnesotaCare under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256L.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2022, except for subdivision 2, paragraph (b), which is effective July 1, 2022, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.
Sec. 42. **REPEALER.**

(a) Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 256J.08, subdivisions 10, 61, 62, 81, and 83;
256J.30, subdivisions 5 and 7; 256J.33, subdivisions 3 and 5; 256J.34, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4; and 256J.37, subdivision 10, are repealed.

(b) Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, sections 256J.08, subdivision 53; 256J.30, subdivision 8; and 256J.33, subdivision 4, are repealed.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024, except the repeal of Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 256J.08, subdivision 62, and 256J.37, subdivision 10, and Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256J.08, subdivision 53, is effective July 1, 2023.