

**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~~ a 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.

(b) 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.

697.20 (f) During a family's 12-month eligibility period, if the family's income increases and  
697.21 exceeds 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, the family is not  
697.22 eligible for child care assistance. The family must be given 15 calendar days to provide  
697.23 verification of the change. If the required verification is not returned or confirms ineligibility,  
697.24 the family's eligibility ends following a subsequent 15-day adverse action notice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

698.7 **256D.0515 ASSET LIMITATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION**  
698.8 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HOUSEHOLDS.**

698.9 All Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households must be determined  
698.10 eligible for the benefit discussed under section 256.029. SNAP households must demonstrate  
698.11 that their gross income is equal to or less than ~~165~~ 200 percent of the federal poverty  
698.12 guidelines for the same family size.

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

698.14 Subd. 2. **SNAP reporting requirements.** The commissioner of human services shall  
698.15 implement simplified reporting as permitted under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as  
698.16 amended, and the SNAP regulations in Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, part 273. SNAP  
698.17 benefit recipient households required to report periodically shall not be required to report

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS FROM SENATE ARTICLE 5.  
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150.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.0515, is amended to read:

150.4 **256D.0515 ASSET LIMITATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION**  
150.5 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HOUSEHOLDS.**

150.6 (a) All Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households must be  
150.7 determined eligible for the benefit discussed under section 256.029. SNAP households must  
150.8 demonstrate that their gross income is equal to or less than ~~165~~ 200 percent of the federal  
150.9 poverty guidelines for the same family size.

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

698.18 more often than one time every six months. ~~This provision shall not apply to households~~  
698.19 ~~receiving food benefits under the Minnesota family investment program waiver.~~

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

698.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

698.22 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility; amount of assistance.** General assistance shall be granted  
698.23 to an individual or married couple in an amount that when added to the countable income  
698.24 as determined to be actually equal to the difference between the countable income available  
698.25 to the assistance unit under section 256P.06, the total amount equals the applicable standard  
698.26 of assistance for general assistance and the standard for the individual or married couple  
698.27 using the MFIP transitional standard cash portion described in section 256J.24, subdivision  
698.28 5, paragraph (a). In determining eligibility for and the amount of assistance for an individual  
698.29 or married couple, the agency shall apply the earned income disregard as determined in  
698.30 section 256P.03.

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

699.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

699.14 (c) Funding for an emergency general assistance program is limited to the appropriation.  
699.15 Each fiscal year, the commissioner shall allocate to counties the money appropriated for  
699.16 emergency general assistance grants based on each county agency's average share of state's  
699.17 emergency general expenditures for the immediate past three fiscal years as determined by  
699.18 the commissioner, and may reallocate any unspent amounts to other counties. The  
699.19 commissioner may disregard periods of pandemic or other disaster, including fiscal years  
699.20 2021 and 2022, when determining the amount allocated to counties. No county shall be  
699.21 allocated less than \$1,000 for a fiscal year.

699.22 (d) Any emergency general assistance expenditures by a county above the amount of  
699.23 the commissioner's allocation to the county must be made from county funds.

699.24     Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256D.06, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

699.25             Subd. 5. **Eligibility; requirements.** (a) Any applicant, otherwise eligible for general

699.26 assistance and possibly eligible for maintenance benefits from any other source shall (1)

699.27 make application for those benefits within ~~30~~ 90 days of the general assistance application,

699.28 unless an applicant had good cause to not apply within that period; and (2) execute an interim

699.29 assistance agreement on a form as directed by the commissioner.

699.30             (b) The commissioner shall review a denial of an application for other maintenance

699.31 benefits and may require a recipient of general assistance to file an appeal of the denial if

699.32 appropriate. If found eligible for benefits from other sources, and a payment received from

699.33 another source relates to the period during which general assistance was also being received,

700.1 the recipient shall be required to reimburse the county agency for the interim assistance

700.2 paid. Reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of general assistance paid during the time

700.3 period to which the other maintenance benefits apply and shall not exceed the state standard

700.4 applicable to that time period.

700.5             (c) The commissioner may contract with the county agencies, qualified agencies,

700.6 organizations, or persons to provide advocacy and support services to process claims for

700.7 federal disability benefits for applicants or recipients of services or benefits supervised by

700.8 the commissioner using money retained under this section.

700.9             (d) The commissioner may provide methods by which county agencies shall identify,

700.10 refer, and assist recipients who may be eligible for benefits under federal programs for

700.11 people with a disability.

700.12             (e) The total amount of interim assistance recoveries retained under this section for

700.13 advocacy, support, and claim processing services shall not exceed 35 percent of the interim

700.14 assistance recoveries in the prior fiscal year.

THE FOLLOWING EIGHT SECTIONS ARE FROM SENATE ARTICLE 10.

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

247.14             Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Minnesota family assets for independence initiative

247.15 is established to provide incentives for low-income families to accrue assets for education,

247.16 housing, vehicles, emergencies, and economic development purposes.

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

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

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

247.20                 (1) an institution of higher education described in section 101 or 102 of the Higher

247.21 Education Act of 1965; or

- 247.22 (2) an area vocational education school, as defined in subparagraph (C) or (D) of United  
247.23 States Code, title 20, chapter 44, section 2302 (3) (the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and  
247.24 Applied Technology Education Act), which is located within any state, as defined in United  
247.25 States Code, title 20, chapter 44, section 2302 (30). This clause is applicable only to the  
247.26 extent section 2302 is in effect on August 1, 2008.
- 247.27 (c) "Family asset account" means a savings account opened by a household participating  
247.28 in the Minnesota family assets for independence initiative.
- 247.29 (d) "Fiduciary organization" means:
- 247.30 (1) a community action agency that has obtained recognition under section 256E.31;
- 248.1 (2) a federal community development credit union serving the seven-county metropolitan  
248.2 area; or
- 248.3 (3) a women-oriented economic development agency serving the seven-county  
248.4 metropolitan area;
- 248.5 (4) a federally recognized Tribal nation; or
- 248.6 (5) a nonprofit organization, as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
248.7 Code.
- 248.8 (e) "Financial coach" means a person who:
- 248.9 (1) has completed an intensive financial literacy training workshop that includes  
248.10 curriculum on budgeting to increase savings, debt reduction and asset building, building a  
248.11 good credit rating, and consumer protection;
- 248.12 (2) participates in ongoing statewide family assets for independence in Minnesota (FAIM)  
248.13 network training meetings under FAIM program supervision; and
- 248.14 (3) provides financial coaching to program participants under subdivision 4a.
- 248.15 (f) "Financial institution" means a bank, bank and trust, savings bank, savings association,  
248.16 or credit union, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance  
248.17 Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration.
- 248.18 (g) "Household" means all individuals who share use of a dwelling unit as primary  
248.19 quarters for living and eating separate from other individuals.
- 248.20 (h) "Permissible use" means:
- 248.21 (1) postsecondary educational expenses at an eligible educational institution as defined  
248.22 in paragraph (b), including books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction;
- 248.23 (2) acquisition costs of acquiring, constructing, or reconstructing a residence, including  
248.24 any usual or reasonable settlement, financing, or other closing costs;

248.25 (3) business capitalization expenses for expenditures on capital, plant, equipment, working  
248.26 capital, and inventory expenses of a legitimate business pursuant to a business plan approved  
248.27 by the fiduciary organization;

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

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

249.2 (6) contributions to an emergency savings account; and

249.3 (7) contributions to a Minnesota 529 savings plan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

249.24 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), if funds are appropriated for the Federal Assets for  
249.25 Independence Act of 1998, and a participating fiduciary organization is awarded a grant  
249.26 under that act, participating households with that fiduciary organization must be provided  
249.27 matches as follows:

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

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

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

700.18 (c) "Eligible organization" means a local governmental unit, federally recognized Tribal

700.19 Nation, or nonprofit organization providing or seeking to provide emergency services for

700.20 homeless persons.

700.21 (d) "Emergency services" means:

700.22 (1) providing emergency shelter for homeless persons; and

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

700.24 (i) access to permanent housing;

700.25 (ii) medical and psychological help;

700.26 (iii) employment counseling and job placement;

700.27 (iv) substance abuse treatment;

700.28 (v) financial assistance available from other programs;

700.29 (vi) emergency child care;

700.30 (vii) transportation; and

249.28 (1) from state grant and TANF funds, a matching contribution of \$1.50 for every \$1 of

249.29 funds withdrawn from the family asset account not to exceed a ~~\$3,000~~ \$4,500 lifetime limit;

249.30 and

250.1 (2) from nonstate funds, a matching contribution of not less than \$1.50 for every \$1 of

250.2 funds withdrawn from the family asset account not to exceed a ~~\$3,000~~ \$4,500 lifetime limit.

250.3 (d) Upon receipt of transferred custodial account funds, the fiscal agent must make a

250.4 direct payment to the vendor of the goods or services for the permissible use.

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

250.6 Subd. 7. **Program reporting.** The fiscal agent on behalf of each fiduciary organization

250.7 participating in a family assets for independence initiative must report quarterly to the

250.8 commissioner of human services identifying the participants with accounts, the number of

250.9 accounts, the amount of savings and matches for each participant's account, the uses of the

250.10 account, and the number of businesses, homes, vehicles, and educational services paid for

250.11 with money from the account, and the amount of contributions to Minnesota 529 savings

250.12 plans and emergency savings accounts, as well as other information that may be required

250.13 for the commissioner to administer the program and meet federal TANF reporting

250.14 requirements.

701.1 (viii) other services needed to stabilize housing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

702.1 (2) evidence of the applicant's need for state assistance and the need for the particular  
702.2 facility to be funded; and



702.3 (3) the applicant's long-range plans for future funding if the need continues to exist for  
702.4 the emergency services provided at the facility.

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

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

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

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

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

702.15 Subd. 6. **Reports.** Recipients must report changes in circumstances according to section  
702.16 256P.07 that affect eligibility or housing support payment amounts, other than changes in  
702.17 earned income, within ten days of the change. Recipients with countable earned income  
702.18 must complete a household report form at least once every six months according to section  
702.19 256P.10. If the report form is not received before the end of the month in which it is due,  
702.20 the county agency must terminate eligibility for housing support payments. The termination  
702.21 shall be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the report was  
702.22 due. If a complete report is received within the month eligibility was terminated, the  
702.23 individual is considered to have continued an application for housing support payment  
702.24 effective the first day of the month the eligibility was terminated.

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

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

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

703.3 (b) For an individual with earned income under paragraph (a), prospective budgeting  
703.4 under section 256P.09 must be used to determine the amount of the individual's payment  
703.5 for the following six month period. An increase in income shall not affect an individual's  
703.6 eligibility or payment amount until the month following the reporting month. A decrease  
703.7 in income shall be effective the first day of the month after the month in which the decrease  
703.8 is reported.

703.9 (c) For an individual who receives housing support payments under section 256L.04,  
703.10 subdivision 1, paragraph (c), the amount of the housing support payment is determined by  
703.11 multiplying the housing support rate times the period of time the individual was a resident.

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

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

703.14 **256L.09 COMMUNITY LIVING INFRASTRUCTURE.**

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

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

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

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

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

703.30 Subd. 79. **Recurring income.** "Recurring income" means a form of income which is:

704.1 (1) received periodically, and may be received irregularly when receipt can be anticipated  
704.2 even though the date of receipt cannot be predicted; and

704.3 (2) from the same source or of the same type that is received and budgeted in a  
704.4 prospective month ~~and is received in one or both of the first two retrospective months.~~

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

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

704.8 Subd. 3. **Initial income test.** (a) The agency shall determine initial eligibility by  
704.9 considering all earned and unearned income as defined in section 256P.06. To be eligible  
704.10 for MFIP, the assistance unit's countable income minus the earned income disregards in  
704.11 paragraph (a) and section 256P.03 must be below the family wage level according to section  
704.12 256J.24, subdivision 7, for that size assistance unit.

704.13 ~~(a)~~ (b) The initial eligibility determination must disregard the following items:

- 704.14 (1) the earned income disregard as determined in section 256P.03;
- 704.15 (2) dependent care costs must be deducted from gross earned income for the actual
- 704.16 amount paid for dependent care up to a maximum of \$200 per month for each child less
- 704.17 than two years of age, and \$175 per month for each child two years of age and older;
- 704.18 (3) all payments made according to a court order for spousal support or the support of
- 704.19 children not living in the assistance unit's household shall be disregarded from the income
- 704.20 of the person with the legal obligation to pay support; and
- 704.21 (4) an allocation for the unmet need of an ineligible spouse or an ineligible child under
- 704.22 the age of 21 for whom the caregiver is financially responsible and who lives with the
- 704.23 caregiver according to section 256J.36.
- 704.24 ~~(b) After initial eligibility is established;~~ (c) The income test is for a six-month period.
- 704.25 The assistance payment calculation is based on ~~the monthly income test~~ prospective budgeting
- 704.26 according to section 256P.09.
- 704.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.
- 704.28 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.21, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 704.29 Subd. 4. **Monthly Income test and determination of assistance payment.** ~~The county~~
- 704.30 ~~agency shall determine ongoing eligibility and the assistance payment amount according~~
- 705.1 ~~to the monthly income test.~~ To be eligible for MFIP, the result of the computations in
- 705.2 paragraphs (a) to (e) applied to prospective budgeting must be at least \$1.
- 705.3 (a) Apply an income disregard as defined in section 256P.03, to gross earnings and
- 705.4 subtract this amount from the family wage level. If the difference is equal to or greater than
- 705.5 the MFIP transitional standard, the assistance payment is equal to the MFIP transitional
- 705.6 standard. If the difference is less than the MFIP transitional standard, the assistance payment
- 705.7 is equal to the difference. The earned income disregard in this paragraph must be deducted
- 705.8 every month there is earned income.
- 705.9 (b) All payments made according to a court order for spousal support or the support of
- 705.10 children not living in the assistance unit's household must be disregarded from the income
- 705.11 of the person with the legal obligation to pay support.
- 705.12 (c) An allocation for the unmet need of an ineligible spouse or an ineligible child under
- 705.13 the age of 21 for whom the caregiver is financially responsible and who lives with the
- 705.14 caregiver must be made according to section 256J.36.
- 705.15 (d) Subtract unearned income dollar for dollar from the MFIP transitional standard to
- 705.16 determine the assistance payment amount.
- 705.17 (e) When income is both earned and unearned, the amount of the assistance payment
- 705.18 must be determined by first treating gross earned income as specified in paragraph (a). After
- 705.19 determining the amount of the assistance payment under paragraph (a), unearned income

705.20 must be subtracted from that amount dollar for dollar to determine the assistance payment  
705.21 amount.

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

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

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

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

706.1 (b) ~~Except as described in section 256J.34, subdivision 1, when prospective eligibility~~  
706.2 ~~exists,~~ A county agency must calculate the amount of the assistance payment using  
706.3 ~~retrospective~~ prospective budgeting. To determine MFIP eligibility and the assistance  
706.4 payment amount, a county agency must apply countable income, described in sections  
706.5 256P.06 and 256J.37, subdivisions 3 to 40 9, received by members of an assistance unit or  
706.6 by other persons whose income is counted for the assistance unit, described under sections  
706.7 256J.37, subdivisions 1 to 2, and 256P.06, subdivision 1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

706.23 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256J.37, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

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

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

707.2 Subd. 3a. **Rental subsidies; unearned income.** (a) Effective July 1, 2003, the agency  
707.3 shall count \$50 of the value of public and assisted rental subsidies provided through the  
707.4 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as unearned income to the cash  
707.5 portion of the MFIP grant. The full amount of the subsidy must be counted as unearned  
707.6 income when the subsidy is less than \$50. The income from this subsidy shall be budgeted  
707.7 according to section ~~256J.34~~ 256P.09.

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

707.10 (1) age 60 or older;

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

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

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

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

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

707.24 Subd. 19. **DWP overpayments and underpayments.** DWP benefits are subject to  
707.25 overpayments and underpayments. Anytime an overpayment or an underpayment is  
707.26 determined for DWP, the correction shall be calculated using prospective budgeting.  
707.27 Corrections shall be determined based on the policy in section ~~256J.34, subdivision 1,~~  
707.28 ~~paragraphs (a), (b), and (c)~~ 256P.09, subdivisions 1 to 4. ATM errors must be recovered as

- 707.29 specified in section 256P.08, subdivision 7. Cross program recoupment of overpayments  
707.30 cannot be assigned to or from DWP.
- 707.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.
- 708.1 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256K.45, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 708.2 Subd. 3. **Street and community outreach and drop-in program.** Youth drop-in centers  
708.3 must provide walk-in access to crisis intervention and ongoing supportive services including  
708.4 one-to-one case management services on a self-referral basis. Street and community outreach  
708.5 programs must locate, contact, and provide information, referrals, and services to homeless  
708.6 youth, youth at risk of homelessness, and runaways. Information, referrals, and services  
708.7 provided may include, but are not limited to:
- 708.8 (1) family reunification services;
- 708.9 (2) conflict resolution or mediation counseling;
- 708.10 (3) assistance in obtaining temporary emergency shelter;
- 708.11 (4) assistance in obtaining food, clothing, medical care, or mental health counseling;
- 708.12 (5) counseling regarding violence, sexual exploitation, substance abuse, sexually  
708.13 transmitted diseases, and pregnancy;
- 708.14 (6) referrals to other agencies that provide support services to homeless youth, youth at  
708.15 risk of homelessness, and runaways;
- 708.16 (7) assistance with education, employment, and independent living skills;
- 708.17 (8) aftercare services;
- 708.18 (9) specialized services for highly vulnerable runaways and homeless youth, including  
708.19 ~~teen~~ but not limited to youth at risk of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender  
708.20 identity, young parents, emotionally disturbed and mentally ill youth, and sexually exploited  
708.21 youth; and
- 708.22 (10) homelessness prevention.
- 708.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022.
- 708.24 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
708.25 to read:
- 708.26 Subd. 9. **Prospective budgeting.** "Prospective budgeting" means estimating the amount  
708.27 of monthly income that an assistance unit will have in the payment month.
- 708.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

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		251.28 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.02, subdivision 1a, is amended	
		251.29 to read:	
		251.30 Subd. 1a. <b>Exemption.</b> Participants who qualify for child care assistance programs under	
		251.31 chapter 119B are exempt from this section, except that the personal property identified in	
		251.32 subdivision 2 is counted toward the asset limit of the child care assistance program under	
		252.1 chapter 119B. Vehicles under subdivision 3 and accounts under subdivision 4 are not counted	
		252.2 toward the asset limit of the child care assistance program under chapter 119B.	
		252.3 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.02, subdivision 2, is amended	
		252.4 to read:	
		252.5 Subd. 2. <b>Personal property limitations.</b> The equity value of an assistance unit's personal	
		252.6 property listed in clauses (1) to (5) must not exceed \$10,000 for applicants and participants.	
		252.7 For purposes of this subdivision, personal property is limited to:	
		252.8 (1) cash;	
		252.9 (2) bank accounts not excluded under subdivision 4;	
		252.10 (3) liquid stocks and bonds that can be readily accessed without a financial penalty;	
		252.11 (4) vehicles not excluded under subdivision 3; and	
		252.12 (5) the full value of business accounts used to pay expenses not related to the business.	
		252.13 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.02, is amended by adding a subdivision	
		252.14 to read:	
		252.15 Subd. 4. <b>Account exception.</b> Family asset accounts under section 256E.35 and individual	
		252.16 development accounts authorized under the Assets for Independence Act, Title IV of the	
		252.17 Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Human	
		252.18 Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, Public Law 105-285, shall be excluded when	
		252.19 determining the equity value of personal property.	
		THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS FROM SENATE ARTICLE 5.	
		150.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:	
		150.14 Subd. 2. <b>Earned income disregard.</b> The agency shall disregard the first \$65 of earned	
		150.15 income plus <del>one-half</del> 60 percent of the remaining earned income per month.	
709.1	Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.04, subdivision 4, is amended		
709.2	to read:		
709.3	Subd. 4. <b>Factors to be verified.</b> (a) The agency shall verify the following at application:		
709.4	(1) identity of adults;		
709.5	(2) age, if necessary to determine eligibility;		

- 709.6(3) immigration status;
- 709.7(4) income;
- 709.8(5) spousal support and child support payments made to persons outside the household;
- 709.9(6) vehicles;
- 709.10(7) checking and savings accounts, including but not limited to any business accounts
- 709.11used to pay expenses not related to the business;
- 709.12(8) inconsistent information, if related to eligibility;
- 709.13(9) residence; and
- 709.14(10) Social Security number; and
- 709.15~~(11) use of nonrecurring income under section 256P.06, subdivision 3, clause (2), item~~
- 709.16~~(ix), for the intended purpose for which it was given and received.~~
- 709.17(b) Applicants who are qualified noncitizens and victims of domestic violence as defined
- 709.18under section 256J.08, subdivision 73, clauses (8) and (9), are not required to verify the
- 709.19information in paragraph (a), clause (10). When a Social Security number is not provided
- 709.20to the agency for verification, this requirement is satisfied when each member of the
- 709.21assistance unit cooperates with the procedures for verification of Social Security numbers,
- 709.22issuance of duplicate cards, and issuance of new numbers which have been established
- 709.23jointly between the Social Security Administration and the commissioner.
- 709.24EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023.
- 709.25Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.04, subdivision 8, is amended
- 709.26to read:
- 709.27Subd. 8. Recertification. The agency shall recertify eligibility annually. During
- 709.28recertification and reporting under section 256P.10, the agency shall verify the following:
- 709.29(1) income, unless excluded, including self-employment earnings;
- 709.30(2) assets when the value is within \$200 of the asset limit; and
- 710.1(3) inconsistent information, if related to eligibility.
- 710.2EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective March 1, 2024.
- 710.3Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256P.06, subdivision 3, is amended
- 710.4to read:
- 710.5Subd. 3. Income inclusions. The following must be included in determining the income
- 710.6of an assistance unit:
- 710.7(1) earned income; and



- 710.8 (2) unearned income, which includes:
- 710.9 (i) interest and dividends from investments and savings;
- 710.10 (ii) capital gains as defined by the Internal Revenue Service from any sale of real property;
- 710.11 (iii) proceeds from rent and contract for deed payments in excess of the principal and
- 710.12 interest portion owed on property;
- 710.13 (iv) income from trusts, excluding special needs and supplemental needs trusts;
- 710.14 (v) interest income from loans made by the participant or household;
- 710.15 (vi) cash prizes and winnings;
- 710.16 (vii) unemployment insurance income that is received by an adult member of the
- 710.17 assistance unit unless the individual receiving unemployment insurance income is:
- 710.18 (A) 18 years of age and enrolled in a secondary school; or
- 710.19 (B) 18 or 19 years of age, a caregiver, and is enrolled in school at least half-time;
- 710.20 (viii) for the purposes of programs under chapters 256D and 256I, retirement, survivors,
- 710.21 and disability insurance payments;
- 710.22 (ix) nonrecurring income over \$60 per quarter unless the nonrecurring income is: (A)
- 710.23 from tax refunds, tax rebates, or tax credits; (B) a reimbursement, rebate, award, grant, or
- 710.24 refund of personal or real property or costs or losses incurred when these payments are
- 710.25 made by: a public agency; a court; solicitations through public appeal; a federal, state, or
- 710.26 local unit of government; or a disaster assistance organization; (C) provided as an in-kind
- 710.27 benefit; or (D) earmarked and used for the purpose for which it was intended, subject to
- 710.28 verification requirements under section 256P.04;
- 710.29 ~~(ix)~~ (ix) retirement benefits;
- 711.1 ~~(xi)~~ (x) cash assistance benefits, as defined by each program in chapters 119B, 256D,
- 711.2 256I, and 256J;
- 711.3 ~~(xii)~~ (xi) Tribal per capita payments unless excluded by federal and state law;
- 711.4 ~~(xiii)~~ (xii) income and payments from service and rehabilitation programs that meet or
- 711.5 exceed the state's minimum wage rate;
- 711.6 ~~(xiv)~~ (xiii) income from members of the United States armed forces unless excluded
- 711.7 from income taxes according to federal or state law;
- 711.8 ~~(xv)~~ (xiv) for the purposes of programs under chapters 119B, 256D, and 256I, all child
- 711.9 support payments for programs under chapters 119B, 256D, and 256I;

- 711.10 ~~(xvi)~~ (xv) for the purposes of programs under chapter 256J, the amount of child support  
711.11 received that exceeds \$100 for assistance units with one child and \$200 for assistance units  
711.12 with two or more children for programs under chapter 256J;
- 711.13 ~~(xvii)~~ (xvi) spousal support; ~~and~~  
711.14 ~~(xviii)~~ (xvii) workers' compensation-; and
- 711.15 (xviii) for the purposes of programs under chapters 119B and 256J, the amount of  
711.16 retirement, survivors, and disability insurance payments that exceeds the applicable monthly  
711.17 federal maximum Supplemental Security Income payments.
- 711.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022, except the amendment  
711.19 removing nonrecurring income over \$60 per quarter is effective July 1, 2023.
- 711.20 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 711.21 Subdivision 1. **Exempted programs.** Participants who receive Supplemental Security  
711.22 Income and qualify for Minnesota supplemental aid under chapter 256D ~~and~~ or for housing  
711.23 support under chapter 256I on the basis of eligibility for Supplemental Security Income are  
711.24 exempt from this section reporting income under this chapter.
- 711.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.
- 711.26 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision  
711.27 to read:
- 711.28 Subd. 1a. **Child care assistance programs.** Participants who qualify for child care  
711.29 assistance programs under chapter 119B are exempt from this section except the reporting  
711.30 requirements in subdivision 6.
- 712.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.
- 712.2 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 712.3 Subd. 2. **Reporting requirements.** An applicant or participant must provide information  
712.4 on an application and any subsequent reporting forms about the assistance unit's  
712.5 circumstances that affect eligibility or benefits. An applicant or assistance unit must report  
712.6 changes that affect eligibility or benefits as identified in ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 3, 4, 5,  
712.7 7, 8, and 9, during the application period or by the tenth of the month following the month  
712.8 the assistance unit's circumstances changed. When information is not accurately reported,  
712.9 both an overpayment and a referral for a fraud investigation may result. When information  
712.10 or documentation is not provided, the receipt of any benefit may be delayed or denied,  
712.11 depending on the type of information required and its effect on eligibility.
- 712.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

712.13     Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

712.14             Subd. 3. **Changes that must be reported.** ~~An assistance unit must report the changes~~

712.15 ~~or anticipated changes specified in clauses (1) to (12) within ten days of the date they occur,~~

712.16 ~~at the time of recertification of eligibility under section 256P.04, subdivisions 8 and 9, or~~

712.17 ~~within eight calendar days of a reporting period, whichever occurs first. An assistance unit~~

712.18 ~~must report other changes at the time of recertification of eligibility under section 256P.04,~~

712.19 ~~subdivisions 8 and 9, or at the end of a reporting period, as applicable. When an agency~~

712.20 ~~could have reduced or terminated assistance for one or more payment months if a delay in~~

712.21 ~~reporting a change specified under clauses (1) to (12) had not occurred, the agency must~~

712.22 ~~determine whether a timely notice could have been issued on the day that the change~~

712.23 ~~occurred. When a timely notice could have been issued, each month's overpayment~~

712.24 ~~subsequent to that notice must be considered a client error overpayment under section~~

712.25 ~~119B.11, subdivision 2a, or 256P.08. Changes in circumstances that must be reported within~~

712.26 ~~ten days must also be reported for the reporting period in which those changes occurred.~~

712.27 ~~Within ten days, an assistance unit must report:~~

712.28             ~~(1) a change in earned income of \$100 per month or greater with the exception of a~~

712.29 ~~program under chapter 119B;~~

712.30             ~~(2) a change in unearned income of \$50 per month or greater with the exception of a~~

712.31 ~~program under chapter 119B;~~

713.1             ~~(3) a change in employment status and hours with the exception of a program under~~

713.2 ~~chapter 119B;~~

713.3             ~~(4) a change in address or residence;~~

713.4             ~~(5) a change in household composition with the exception of programs under chapter~~

713.5 ~~256I;~~

713.6             ~~(6) a receipt of a lump-sum payment with the exception of a program under chapter~~

713.7 ~~119B;~~

713.8             ~~(7) an increase in assets if over \$9,000 with the exception of programs under chapter~~

713.9 ~~119B;~~

713.10            ~~(8) a change in citizenship or immigration status;~~

713.11            ~~(9) a change in family status with the exception of programs under chapter 256I;~~

713.12            ~~(10) a change in disability status of a unit member, with the exception of programs under~~

713.13 ~~chapter 119B;~~

713.14            ~~(11) a new rent subsidy or a change in rent subsidy with the exception of a program~~

713.15 ~~under chapter 119B; and~~

- 713.16 ~~(12) a sale, purchase, or transfer of real property with the exception of a program under~~  
713.17 ~~chapter 119B.~~
- 713.18 (a) An assistance unit must report changes or anticipated changes as described in this  
713.19 subdivision.
- 713.20 (b) An assistance unit must report:
- 713.21 (1) a change in eligibility for Supplemental Security Income, Retirement Survivors  
713.22 Disability Insurance, or another federal income support;
- 713.23 (2) a change in address or residence;
- 713.24 (3) a change in household composition with the exception of programs under chapter  
713.25 256I;
- 713.26 (4) cash prizes and winnings according to guidance provided for the Supplemental  
713.27 Nutrition Assistance Program;
- 713.28 (5) a change in citizenship or immigration status;
- 713.29 (6) a change in family status with the exception of programs under chapter 256I; and
- 713.30 (7) a change that makes the value of the unit's assets at or above the asset limit.
- 714.1 (c) When an agency could have reduced or terminated assistance for one or more payment  
714.2 months if a delay in reporting a change specified under paragraph (b) had not occurred, the  
714.3 agency must determine the first month that the agency could have reduced or terminated  
714.4 assistance following a timely notice given on the date of the change in income. Each month's  
714.5 overpayment starting with that month must be considered a client error overpayment under  
714.6 section 256P.08.
- 714.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024, except that the amendment  
714.8 striking clause (6) is effective July 1, 2023.
- 714.9 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 714.10 Subd. 4. **MFIP-specific reporting.** In addition to subdivision 3, an assistance unit under  
714.11 chapter 256J, ~~within ten days of the change,~~ must report:
- 714.12 (1) a pregnancy not resulting in birth when there are no other minor children; ~~and~~  
714.13 (2) a change in school attendance of a parent under 20 years of age ~~or of an employed~~  
714.14 ~~child;~~ and
- 714.15 (3) an individual in the household who is 18 or 19 years of age attending high school  
714.16 who graduates or drops out of school.
- 714.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.

714.18 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

714.19 Subd. 6. **Child care assistance programs-specific reporting.** (a) ~~In addition to~~  
714.20 ~~subdivision 3, An assistance unit under chapter 119B, within ten days of the change, must~~  
714.21 ~~report:~~

714.22 (1) a change in a parentally responsible individual's custody schedule for any child  
714.23 receiving child care assistance program benefits;

714.24 (2) a permanent end in a parentally responsible individual's authorized activity; ~~and~~

714.25 (3) if the unit's family's annual included income exceeds 85 percent of the state median  
714.26 income, adjusted for family size;

714.27 (4) a change in address or residence;

714.28 (5) a change in household composition;

714.29 (6) a change in citizenship or immigration status; and

714.30 (7) a change in family status.

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

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

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

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

715.7 Subd. 7. **Minnesota supplemental aid-specific reporting.** (a) In addition to subdivision  
715.8 3, an assistance unit participating in the Minnesota supplemental aid program under ~~section~~  
715.9 ~~256D.44, subdivision 5, paragraph (g), within ten days of the change, chapter 256D and not~~  
715.10 ~~receiving Supplemental Security Income must report shelter expenses.~~

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

715.12 (2) a change in earned income of \$100 per month or greater.

715.13 (b) An assistance unit receiving housing assistance under section 256D.44, subdivision  
715.14 5, paragraph (g), including assistance units that also receive Supplemental Security Income,  
715.15 must report:

715.16 (1) a change in shelter expenses; and

715.17 (2) a new rent subsidy or a change in rent subsidy.

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

715.19 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision  
715.20 to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

716.13 (3) changes in any condition that would result in the loss of basis for eligibility in section  
716.14 256D.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

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

716.16 Sec. 38. **[256P.09] PROSPECTIVE BUDGETING OF BENEFITS.**

716.17 Subdivision 1. **Exempted programs.** Assistance units that qualify for child care  
716.18 assistance programs under chapter 119B, assistance units that receive housing support under  
716.19 chapter 256I and are not subject to reporting under section 256P.10, and assistance units  
716.20 that qualify for Minnesota supplemental aid under chapter 256D are exempt from this  
716.21 section.

716.22 Subd. 2. **Prospective budgeting of benefits.** An agency subject to this chapter must use  
716.23 prospective budgeting to calculate the assistance payment amount.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

717.24 (b) An assistance unit that qualifies for the Minnesota family investment program or an  
717.25 assistance unit that qualifies for general assistance with an earned income of \$100 per month  
717.26 or greater must complete household report forms as required by the commissioner for  
717.27 redetermination of benefits.

717.28 (c) An assistance unit that qualifies for housing support with an earned income of \$100  
717.29 per month or greater must complete household report forms as prescribed by the  
717.30 commissioner to provide information about earned income.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

718.29 (1) provide technical assistance to funding recipients;



- 718.30 (2) facilitate a monthly learning cohort for funding recipients;
- 718.31 (3) evaluate the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the pilot program; and
- 719.1 (4) submit annual updates and a final report to the commissioner.
- 719.2 (b) When developing the criteria for awarding funds, the commissioner must include a
- 719.3 requirement that all funding recipients:
- 719.4 (1) partner with sets of participants, with a case manager caseload consistent with existing
- 719.5 norms for homeless youth;
- 719.6 (2) mediate agreements within each set of participants about shared expectations regarding
- 719.7 the living arrangement;
- 719.8 (3) provide monthly stipends to sets of participants to offset the costs created by the
- 719.9 living arrangement;
- 719.10 (4) connect sets of participants to community resources;
- 719.11 (5) if the adult host is a renter, help facilitate ongoing communication between the
- 719.12 property owner and adult host;
- 719.13 (6) offer strategies to address barriers faced by adult hosts who are renters;
- 719.14 (7) assist the youth in identifying and strengthening their circle of support, giving focused
- 719.15 attention to adults who can serve as permanent connections and provide ongoing support
- 719.16 throughout the youth's life; and
- 719.17 (8) actively participate in monthly cohort meetings.
- 719.18 Subd. 4. **Technical assistance provider.** The commissioner must select a technical
- 719.19 assistance provider to provide assistance to funding recipients. In order to be selected, the
- 719.20 technical assistance provider must:
- 719.21 (1) have in-depth experience with research on and evaluation of youth homelessness
- 719.22 from a holistic perspective that addresses the four core outcomes developed by the United
- 719.23 States Interagency Council on Homelessness to prevent and end youth homelessness;
- 719.24 (2) offer education and have previous experience providing technical assistance on
- 719.25 supporting chosen family hosting arrangements to organizations that serve homeless youth;
- 719.26 (3) have expertise on how to address barriers faced by chosen family hosts who are
- 719.27 renters; and
- 719.28 (4) be located in Minnesota.
- 719.29 Subd. 5. **Eligible applicants.** To be eligible for funding under this section, an applicant
- 719.30 must be a provider serving homeless youth in Minnesota. The money must be awarded to
- 719.31 funding recipients beginning no later than March 31, 2023.

720.1 Subd. 6. **Applications.** Providers seeking funding under this section shall apply to the  
720.2 commissioner. The applicant must include a description of the project that the applicant is  
720.3 proposing, the amount of money that the applicant is seeking, and a proposed budget  
720.4 describing how the applicant will spend the money.

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

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

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

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

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

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

720.22 (1) child care assistance programs under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B; and

720.23 (2) the Minnesota family investment program, work benefit program, or diversionary  
720.24 work program under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256J.

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

720.29 (1) medical assistance under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B; and

720.30 (2) MinnesotaCare under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256L.

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

721.1     Sec. 42. **REPEALER.**

721.2             (a) Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 256J.08, subdivisions 10, 61, 62, 81, and 83;

721.3             256J.30, subdivisions 5 and 7; 256J.33, subdivisions 3 and 5; 256J.34, subdivisions 1, 2, 3,

721.4             and 4; and 256J.37, subdivision 10, are repealed.

721.5             (b) Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, sections 256J.08, subdivision 53; 256J.30,

721.6             subdivision 8; and 256J.33, subdivision 4, are repealed.

721.7             **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024, except the repeal of

721.8             Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 256J.08, subdivision 62, and 256J.37, subdivision 10,

721.9             and Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 256J.08, subdivision 53, is effective July

721.10            1, 2023.