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129.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.011, subdivision 3, is amended to read:129.4 Subd. 3. **Application.** "Application" means the submission to a county agency, by or  
129.5 on behalf of a family, of a completed, signed, and dated:129.6 (1) child care assistance universal application form; or129.7 (2) child care addendum form in combination with a combined application form for  
129.8 MFIP, DWP, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.129.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.129.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.011, subdivision 15, is amended to read:129.11 Subd. 15. **Income.** "Income" means earned income as defined under section 256P.01,  
129.12 subdivision 3, unearned income as defined under section 256P.01, subdivision 8, and public  
129.13 assistance cash benefits, including the Minnesota family investment program, ~~diversi~~onary  
129.14 work program, work benefit, Minnesota supplemental aid, general assistance, refugee cash  
129.15 assistance, at-home infant child care subsidy payments, and child support and maintenance  
129.16 distributed to the family under section 256.741, subdivision 2a.129.17 The following are deducted from income: funds used to pay for health insurance  
129.18 premiums for family members, and child or spousal support paid to or on behalf of a person  
129.19 or persons who live outside of the household. Income sources not included in this subdivision  
129.20 and section 256P.06, subdivision 3, are not counted as income.129.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024.129.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.02, subdivision 4, is amended to read:129.23 Subd. 4. **Universal application form.** The commissioner must develop and make  
129.24 available to all counties a universal application form for child care assistance under this  
129.25 chapter. The commissioner may develop and make available to all counties a child care  
129.26 addendum form to be used to supplement the combined application form for MFIP, DWP,  
129.27 or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or to supplement other  
129.28 statewide application forms for public assistance programs for families applying for one of  
129.29 these programs in addition to child care assistance. The application must provide notice of  
129.30 eligibility requirements for assistance and penalties for wrongfully obtaining assistance.

385.28 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.025, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

386.6 (e) During a family's 12-month eligibility period, if the family's income increases and  
386.7 remains at or below 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, there  
386.8 is no change to the family's eligibility. The county shall not request verification of the  
386.9 change. The co-payment fee shall not increase during the remaining portion of the family's  
386.10 12-month eligibility period.

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

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

386.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

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

130.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.025, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

130.10 (e) During a family's 12-month eligibility period, if the family's income increases and  
130.11 remains at or below 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, there  
130.12 is no change to the family's eligibility. The county shall not request verification of the  
130.13 change. The co-payment fee shall not increase during the remaining portion of the family's  
130.14 12-month eligibility period.

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

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

130.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

130.25 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

130.26 Subd. 3. **Eligible participants.** Families that meet the eligibility requirements under  
130.27 sections 119B.09 and 119B.10, except MFIP participants, ~~diversity work program~~, and  
130.28 ~~transition year families are eligible for child care assistance under the basic sliding fee~~  
130.29 ~~program. Families enrolled in the basic sliding fee program shall be continued until they~~  
130.30 ~~are no longer eligible. Child care assistance provided through the child care fund is considered~~  
130.31 ~~assistance to the parent.~~

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

131.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.03, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

131.2 Subd. 4. **Funding priority.** (a) First priority for child care assistance under the basic  
131.3 ~~sliding fee program must be given to eligible non-MFIP families who do not have a high~~  
131.4 ~~school diploma or commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency certification~~  
131.5 ~~or who need remedial and basic skill courses in order to pursue employment or to pursue~~  
131.6 ~~education leading to employment and who need child care assistance to participate in the~~  
131.7 ~~education program. This includes student parents as defined under section 119B.011,~~  
131.8 ~~subdivision 19b. Within this priority, the following subpriorities must be used:~~

131.9 (1) child care needs of minor parents;

131.10 (2) child care needs of parents under 21 years of age; and

131.11 (3) child care needs of other parents within the priority group described in this paragraph.

131.12 (b) Second priority must be given to parents who have completed their MFIP ~~or DWP~~  
131.13 ~~transition year; or parents who are no longer receiving or eligible for diversionary work~~  
131.14 ~~program supports.~~

131.15 (c) Third priority must be given to families who are eligible for portable basic sliding  
131.16 ~~fee assistance through the portability pool under subdivision 9.~~

131.17 (d) Fourth priority must be given to families in which at least one parent is a veteran as  
131.18 ~~defined under section 197.447.~~

131.19 (e) Families under paragraph (b) must be added to the basic sliding fee waiting list on  
131.20 ~~the date they begin the transition year under section 119B.011, subdivision 20, and must~~  
131.21 ~~be moved into the basic sliding fee program as soon as possible after they complete their~~  
131.22 ~~transition year.~~

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

131.24 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.03, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

131.25 Subd. 4a. **Temporary reprioritization.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 4, priority for  
131.26 ~~child care assistance under the basic sliding fee assistance program shall be determined~~  
131.27 ~~according to this subdivision beginning July 1, 2021, through May 31, 2024.~~

131.28 (b) First priority must be given to eligible non-MFIP families who do not have a high  
131.29 ~~school diploma or commissioner of education-selected high school equivalency certification~~  
131.30 ~~or who need remedial and basic skill courses in order to pursue employment or to pursue~~  
131.31 ~~education leading to employment and who need child care assistance to participate in the~~  
132.1 ~~education program. This includes student parents as defined under section 119B.011,~~  
132.2 ~~subdivision 19b. Within this priority, the following subpriorities must be used:~~

132.3 (1) child care needs of minor parents;

132.4 (2) child care needs of parents under 21 years of age; and

132.5 (3) child care needs of other parents within the priority group described in this paragraph.

132.6 (c) Second priority must be given to families in which at least one parent is a veteran,

132.7 as defined under section 197.447.

132.8 (d) Third priority must be given to eligible families who do not meet the specifications

132.9 of paragraph (b), (c), (e), or (f).

132.10 (e) Fourth priority must be given to families who are eligible for portable basic sliding

132.11 fee assistance through the portability pool under subdivision 9.

132.12 (f) Fifth priority must be given to eligible families receiving services under section

132.13 119B.011, subdivision 20a, if the parents have completed their MFIP or DWP transition

132.14 year, or if the parents are no longer receiving or eligible for DWP supports.

132.15 (g) Families under paragraph (f) must be added to the basic sliding fee waiting list on

132.16 the date they complete their transition year under section 119B.011, subdivision 20.

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

132.18 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

132.19 Subdivision 1. **Eligible participants.** Families eligible for child care assistance under

132.20 the MFIP child care program are:

132.21 (1) MFIP participants who are employed or in job search and meet the requirements of

132.22 section 119B.10;

132.23 (2) persons who are members of transition year families under section 119B.011,

132.24 subdivision 20, and meet the requirements of section 119B.10;

132.25 (3) families who are participating in employment orientation or job search, or other

132.26 employment or training activities that are included in an approved employability development

132.27 plan under section 256J.95;

132.28 (4) MFIP families who are participating in work job search, job support, employment,

132.29 or training activities as required in their employment plan, or in appeals, hearings,

132.30 assessments, or orientations according to chapter 256J;

133.1 (5) MFIP families who are participating in social services activities under chapter

133.2 256J as required in their employment plan approved according to chapter 256J;

133.3 (6) families who are participating in services or activities that are included in an

133.4 approved family stabilization plan under section 256J.575;

133.5 (7) families who are participating in programs as required in tribal contracts under

133.6 section 119B.02, subdivision 2, or 256.01, subdivision 2;

133.7 (8) families who are participating in the transition year extension under section

133.8 119B.011, subdivision 20a;

133.9 ~~(8)~~ student parents as defined under section 119B.011, subdivision 19b; and  
133.10 ~~(10)~~ student parents who turn 21 years of age and who continue to meet the other  
133.11 requirements under section 119B.011, subdivision 19b. A student parent continues to be  
133.12 eligible until the student parent is approved for basic sliding fee child care assistance or  
133.13 until the student parent's redetermination, whichever comes first. At the student parent's  
133.14 redetermination, if the student parent was not approved for basic sliding fee child care  
133.15 assistance, a student parent's eligibility ends following a 15-day adverse action notice.

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

133.17 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.09, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

133.18 Subd. 7. **Date of eligibility for assistance.** (a) The date of eligibility for child care  
133.19 assistance under this chapter is the later of the date the application was received by the  
133.20 county; the beginning date of employment, education, or training; the date the infant is born  
133.21 for applicants to the at-home infant care program; or the date a determination has been made  
133.22 that the applicant is a participant in employment and training services under Minnesota  
133.23 Rules, part 3400.0080, or chapter 256J.

133.24 (b) Payment ceases for a family under the at-home infant child care program when a  
133.25 family has used a total of 12 months of assistance as specified under section 119B.035.  
133.26 Payment of child care assistance for employed persons on MFIP is effective the date of  
133.27 employment or the date of MFIP eligibility, whichever is later. Payment of child care  
133.28 assistance for MFIP or DWP participants in employment and training services is effective  
133.29 the date of commencement of the services or the date of MFIP or DWP eligibility, whichever  
133.30 is later. Payment of child care assistance for transition year child care must be made  
133.31 retroactive to the date of eligibility for transition year child care.

134.1 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), payment of child care assistance for participants  
134.2 eligible under section 119B.05 may only be made retroactive for a maximum of three months  
134.3 from the date of application for child care assistance.

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

134.5 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.095, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

134.6 Subd. 2. **Maintain steady child care authorizations.** (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota  
134.7 Rules, chapter 3400, the amount of child care authorized under section 119B.10 for  
134.8 employment, education, or an MFIP or DWP employment plan shall continue at the same  
134.9 number of hours or more hours until redetermination, including:

134.10 (1) when the other parent moves in and is employed or has an education plan under  
134.11 section 119B.10, subdivision 3, or has an MFIP or DWP employment plan; or

134.12 (2) when the participant's work hours are reduced or a participant temporarily stops  
134.13 working or attending an approved education program. Temporary changes include, but are

134.14 not limited to, a medical leave, seasonal employment fluctuations, or a school break between  
134.15 semesters.

134.16 (b) The county may increase the amount of child care authorized at any time if the  
134.17 participant verifies the need for increased hours for authorized activities.

134.18 (c) The county may reduce the amount of child care authorized if a parent requests a  
134.19 reduction or because of a change in:

134.20 (1) the child's school schedule;

134.21 (2) the custody schedule; or

134.22 (3) the provider's availability.

134.23 (d) The amount of child care authorized for a family subject to subdivision 1, paragraph  
134.24 (b), must change when the participant's activity schedule changes. Paragraph (a) does not  
134.25 apply to a family subject to subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

134.26 (e) When a child reaches 13 years of age or a child with a disability reaches 15 years of  
134.27 age, the amount of child care authorized shall continue at the same number of hours or more  
134.28 hours until redetermination.

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

135.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.095, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

135.2 Subd. 3. **Assistance for persons who are homeless.** An applicant who is homeless and  
135.3 eligible for child care assistance is exempt from the activity participation requirements under  
135.4 this chapter for three months. The applicant under this subdivision is eligible for 60 hours  
135.5 of child care assistance per service period for three months from the date the county receives  
135.6 the application. Additional hours may be authorized as needed based on the applicant's  
135.7 participation in employment, education, or MFIP or DWP employment plan. To continue  
135.8 receiving child care assistance after the initial three months, the applicant must verify that  
135.9 the applicant meets eligibility and activity requirements for child care assistance under this  
135.10 chapter.

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

135.12 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.10, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

135.13 Subdivision 1. **Assistance for persons seeking and retaining employment.** (a) Persons  
135.14 who are seeking employment and who are eligible for assistance under this section are  
135.15 eligible to receive up to 240 hours of child care assistance per calendar year.

135.16 (b) At application and redetermination, employed persons who work at least an average  
135.17 of 20 hours and full-time students who work at least an average of ten hours a week and  
135.18 receive at least a minimum wage for all hours worked are eligible for child care assistance  
135.19 for employment. For purposes of this section, work-study programs must be counted as

135.20 employment. An employed person with an MFIP or DWP employment plan shall receive  
135.21 child care assistance as specified in the person's employment plan. Child care assistance  
135.22 during employment must be authorized as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d).

135.23 (c) When the person works for an hourly wage and the hourly wage is equal to or greater  
135.24 than the applicable minimum wage, child care assistance shall be provided for the hours of  
135.25 employment, break, and mealtime during the employment and travel time up to two hours  
135.26 per day.

135.27 (d) When the person does not work for an hourly wage, child care assistance must be  
135.28 provided for the lesser of:

135.29 (1) the amount of child care determined by dividing gross earned income by the applicable  
135.30 minimum wage, up to one hour every eight hours for meals and break time, plus up to two  
135.31 hours per day for travel time; or

136.1 (2) the amount of child care equal to the actual amount of child care used during  
136.2 employment, including break and mealtime during employment, and travel time up to two  
136.3 hours per day.

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

136.5 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

136.6 Subd. 3. **Assistance for persons attending an approved education or training**

136.7 **program.** (a) Money for an eligible person according to sections 119B.03, subdivision 3,  
136.8 and 119B.05, subdivision 1, shall be used to reduce child care costs for a student. The county  
136.9 shall not limit the duration of child care subsidies for a person in an employment or  
136.10 educational program unless the person is ineligible for child care funds. Any other limitation  
136.11 must be based on county policies included in the approved child care fund plan.

136.12 (b) To be eligible, the student must be in good standing and be making satisfactory  
136.13 progress toward the degree. The maximum length of time a student is eligible for child care  
136.14 assistance under the child care fund for education and training is no more than the time  
136.15 necessary to complete the credit requirements for an associate's or baccalaureate degree as  
136.16 determined by the educational institution. Time limitations for child care assistance do not  
136.17 apply to basic or remedial educational programs needed for postsecondary education or  
136.18 employment. Basic or remedial educational programs include high school, commissioner  
136.19 of education-selected high school equivalency, and English as a second language programs.  
136.20 A program exempt from this time limit must not run concurrently with a postsecondary  
136.21 program.

136.22 (c) If a student meets the conditions of paragraphs (a) and (b), child care assistance must  
136.23 be authorized for all hours of class time and credit hours, including independent study and  
136.24 internships, and up to two hours of travel time per day. A postsecondary student shall receive  
136.25 four hours of child care assistance per credit hour for study time and academic appointments  
136.26 per service period.

136.27 (d) For an MFIP or DWP participant, child care assistance must be authorized according  
136.28 to the person's approved employment plan. If an MFIP or DWP participant receiving MFIP  
136.29 or DWP child care assistance under this chapter moves to another county, continues to  
136.30 participate in an authorized educational or training program, and remains eligible for MFIP  
136.31 or DWP child care assistance, the participant must receive continued child care assistance  
136.32 from the county responsible for the person's current employment plan under section 256G.07.

137.1 (e) If a person with an approved education program under section 119B.03, subdivision  
137.2 3, or 119B.05, subdivision 1, begins receiving MFIP or DWP assistance, the person continues  
137.3 to receive child care assistance for the approved education program until the person's  
137.4 education is included in an approved MFIP or DWP employment plan or until  
137.5 redetermination, whichever occurs first.

137.6 (f) If a person's MFIP or DWP assistance ends and the approved MFIP or DWP  
137.7 employment plan included education, the person continues to be eligible for child care  
137.8 assistance for education under transition year child care assistance until the person's education  
137.9 is included in an approved education plan or until redetermination.

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

137.11 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.105, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

137.12 Subd. 2. **Extended eligibility and redetermination.** (a) If the family received three  
137.13 months of extended eligibility and redetermination is not due, to continue receiving child  
137.14 care assistance the participant must be employed or have an education plan that meets the  
137.15 requirements of section 119B.10, subdivision 3, or have an MFIP or DWP employment  
137.16 plan. If child care assistance continues, the amount of child care authorized shall continue  
137.17 at the same number or more hours until redetermination, unless a condition in section  
137.18 119B.095, subdivision 2, paragraph (c), applies. A family subject to section 119B.095,  
137.19 subdivision 1, paragraph (b), shall have child care authorized based on a verified activity  
137.20 schedule.

137.21 (b) If the family's redetermination occurs before the end of the three-month extended  
137.22 eligibility period to continue receiving child care assistance, the participant must verify that  
137.23 the participant meets eligibility and activity requirements for child care assistance under  
137.24 this chapter. If child care assistance continues, the amount of child care authorized is based  
137.25 on section 119B.10. A family subject to section 119B.095, subdivision 1, paragraph (b),  
137.26 shall have child care authorized based on a verified activity schedule.

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

137.28 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168B.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

137.29 Subd. 3. **Retrieval of contents.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision:

137.30 (1) "contents" does not include any permanently affixed mechanical or nonmechanical  
137.31 automobile parts; automobile body parts; or automobile accessories, including audio or  
137.32 video players; and

138.1 (2) "relief based on need" includes, but is not limited to, receipt of MFIP and ~~Diversionary~~  
138.2 ~~Work Program~~, medical assistance, general assistance, emergency general assistance,  
138.3 Minnesota supplemental aid, MSA-emergency assistance, MinnesotaCare, Supplemental  
138.4 Security Income, energy assistance, emergency assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
138.5 Program (SNAP) benefits, earned income tax credit, or Minnesota working family tax credit.

138.6 (b) A unit of government or impound lot operator shall establish reasonable procedures  
138.7 for retrieval of vehicle contents, and may establish reasonable procedures to protect the  
138.8 safety and security of the impound lot and its personnel.

138.9 (c) At any time before the expiration of the waiting periods provided in section 168B.051,  
138.10 a registered owner who provides documentation from a government or nonprofit agency or  
138.11 legal aid office that the registered owner is homeless, receives relief based on need, or is  
138.12 eligible for legal aid services, has the unencumbered right to retrieve any and all contents  
138.13 without charge and regardless of whether the registered owner pays incurred charges or  
138.14 fees, transfers title, or reclaims the vehicle.

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

138.16 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.046, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

138.17 Subdivision 1. **Hearing authority.** A local agency must initiate an administrative fraud  
138.18 disqualification hearing for individuals accused of wrongfully obtaining assistance or  
138.19 intentional program violations, in lieu of a criminal action when it has not been pursued, in  
138.20 the Minnesota family investment program and any affiliated program to include the  
138.21 ~~diversity work program~~ and the work participation cash benefit program, child care  
138.22 assistance programs, general assistance, family general assistance program formerly codified  
138.23 in section 256D.05, subdivision 1, clause (15), Minnesota supplemental aid, the Supplemental  
138.24 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), MinnesotaCare for adults without children, and  
138.25 upon federal approval, all categories of medical assistance and remaining categories of  
138.26 MinnesotaCare except for children through age 18. The Department of Human Services, in  
138.27 lieu of a local agency, may initiate an administrative fraud disqualification hearing when  
138.28 the state agency is directly responsible for administration or investigation of the program  
138.29 for which benefits were wrongfully obtained. The hearing is subject to the requirements of  
138.30 sections 256.045 and 256.0451 and the requirements in Code of Federal Regulations, title  
138.31 7, section 273.16.

138.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024, and applies to acts of  
138.33 wrongfully obtaining assistance and intentional program violations that occur on or after  
138.34 that date.

139.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.98, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

139.2 Subd. 8. **Disqualification from program.** (a) Any person found to be guilty of  
139.3 wrongfully obtaining assistance by a federal or state court or by an administrative hearing  
139.4 determination, or waiver thereof, through a disqualification consent agreement, or as part  
139.5 of any approved diversion plan under section 401.065, or any court-ordered stay which

139.6 carries with it any probationary or other conditions, in the Minnesota family investment  
139.7 program and any affiliated program to include the diversionary work program and the work  
139.8 participation cash benefit program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),  
139.9 the general assistance program, housing support under chapter 256I, or the Minnesota  
139.10 supplemental aid program shall be disqualified from that program. In addition, any person  
139.11 disqualified from the Minnesota family investment program shall also be disqualified from  
139.12 SNAP. The needs of that individual shall not be taken into consideration in determining the  
139.13 grant level for that assistance unit.

139.14 (1) for one year after the first offense;  
139.15 (2) for two years after the second offense; and  
139.16 (3) permanently after the third or subsequent offense.

139.17 The period of program disqualification shall begin on the date stipulated on the advance  
139.18 notice of disqualification without possibility of postponement for administrative stay or  
139.19 administrative hearing and shall continue through completion unless and until the findings  
139.20 upon which the sanctions were imposed are reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction.  
139.21 The period for which sanctions are imposed is not subject to review. The sanctions provided  
139.22 under this subdivision are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other sanctions that  
139.23 may be provided for by law for the offense involved. A disqualification established through  
139.24 hearing or waiver shall result in the disqualification period beginning immediately unless  
139.25 the person has become otherwise ineligible for assistance. If the person is ineligible for  
139.26 assistance, the disqualification period begins when the person again meets the eligibility  
139.27 criteria of the program from which they were disqualified and makes application for that  
139.28 program.

139.29 (b) A family receiving assistance through child care assistance programs under chapter  
139.30 119B with a family member who is found to be guilty of wrongfully obtaining child care  
139.31 assistance by a federal court, state court, or an administrative hearing determination or  
139.32 waiver, through a disqualification consent agreement, as part of an approved diversion plan  
139.33 under section 401.065, or a court-ordered stay with probationary or other conditions, is  
139.34 disqualified from child care assistance programs. The disqualifications must be for periods  
140.1 of one year and two years for the first and second offenses, respectively. Subsequent  
140.2 violations must result in permanent disqualification. During the disqualification period,  
140.3 disqualification from any child care program must extend to all child care programs and  
140.4 must be immediately applied.

140.5 (c) A provider caring for children receiving assistance through child care assistance  
140.6 programs under chapter 119B is disqualified from receiving payment for child care services  
140.7 from the child care assistance program under chapter 119B when the provider is found to  
140.8 have wrongfully obtained child care assistance by a federal court, state court, or an  
140.9 administrative hearing determination or waiver under section 256.046, through a  
140.10 disqualification consent agreement, as part of an approved diversion plan under section  
140.11 401.065, or a court-ordered stay with probationary or other conditions. The disqualification

140.12 must be for a period of three years for the first offense. Any subsequent violation must result  
140.13 in permanent disqualification. The disqualification period must be imposed immediately  
140.14 after a determination is made under this paragraph. During the disqualification period, the  
140.15 provider is disqualified from receiving payment from any child care program under chapter  
140.16 119B.

140.17 (d) Any person found to be guilty of wrongfully obtaining MinnesotaCare for adults  
140.18 without children and upon federal approval, all categories of medical assistance and  
140.19 remaining categories of MinnesotaCare, except for children through age 18, by a federal or  
140.20 state court or by an administrative hearing determination, or waiver thereof, through a  
140.21 disqualification consent agreement, or as part of any approved diversion plan under section  
140.22 401.065, or any court-ordered stay which carries with it any probationary or other conditions,  
140.23 is disqualified from that program. The period of disqualification is one year after the first  
140.24 offense, two years after the second offense, and permanently after the third or subsequent  
140.25 offense. The period of program disqualification shall begin on the date stipulated on the  
140.26 advance notice of disqualification without possibility of postponement for administrative  
140.27 stay or administrative hearing and shall continue through completion unless and until the  
140.28 findings upon which the sanctions were imposed are reversed by a court of competent  
140.29 jurisdiction. The period for which sanctions are imposed is not subject to review. The  
140.30 sanctions provided under this subdivision are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any  
140.31 other sanctions that may be provided for by law for the offense involved.

140.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024, and applies to acts of  
140.33 wrongfully obtaining assistance that occur on or after that date.

141.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.987, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

141.2 Subd. 4. **Disqualification.** (a) Any person found to be guilty of purchasing tobacco  
141.3 products or alcoholic beverages with their EBT debit card by a federal or state court or by  
141.4 an administrative hearing determination, or waiver thereof, through a disqualification consent  
141.5 agreement, or as part of any approved diversion plan under section 401.065, or any  
141.6 court-ordered stay which carries with it any probationary or other conditions, in the: (1)  
141.7 Minnesota family investment program and any affiliated program to include the diversionary  
141.8 work program and the work participation cash benefit program under chapter 256J; (2)  
141.9 general assistance program under chapter 256D; or (3) Minnesota supplemental aid program  
141.10 under chapter 256D, shall be disqualified from all of the listed programs.

141.11 (b) The needs of the disqualified individual shall not be taken into consideration in  
141.12 determining the grant level for that assistance unit: (1) for one year after the first offense;  
141.13 (2) for two years after the second offense; and (3) permanently after the third or subsequent  
141.14 offense.

141.15 (c) The period of program disqualification shall begin on the date stipulated on the  
141.16 advance notice of disqualification without possibility for postponement for administrative  
141.17 stay or administrative hearing and shall continue through completion unless and until the

141.18 findings upon which the sanctions were imposed are reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction. The period for which sanctions are imposed is not subject to review.

141.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024, and applies to purchases made on or after that date.

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386.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.01, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

386.22 Subd. 1a. **Standards.** (a) A principal objective in providing general assistance is to provide for single adults, childless couples, or children as defined in section 256D.02, subdivision 6, ineligible for federal programs who are unable to provide for themselves. The minimum standard of assistance determines the total amount of the general assistance grant without separate standards for shelter, utilities, or other needs.

386.27 (b) The ~~commissioner shall set the standard of assistance for an assistance unit consisting of an adult a recipient who is childless and unmarried or living apart from children and spouse and who does not live with a parent or parents or a legal custodian is the cash portion of the MFIP transitional standard for a single adult under section 256J.24, subdivision 5. When the other standards specified in this subdivision increase, this standard must also be increased by the same percentage.~~

387.1 (c) For an assistance unit consisting of a single adult who lives with a parent or parents, the general assistance standard of assistance ~~is the amount that the aid to families with dependent children standard of assistance, in effect on July 16, 1996, would increase if the recipient were added as an additional minor child to an assistance unit consisting of the recipient's parent and all of that parent's family members, except that the standard may not exceed the standard for a general assistance recipient living alone is the cash portion of the MFIP transitional standard for a single adult under section 256J.24, subdivision 5.~~ Benefits received by a responsible relative of the assistance unit under the Supplemental Security Income program, a workers' compensation program, the Minnesota supplemental aid program, or any other program based on the responsible relative's disability, and any benefits received by a responsible relative of the assistance unit under the Social Security retirement program, may not be counted in the determination of eligibility or benefit level for the assistance unit. Except as provided below, the assistance unit is ineligible for general assistance if the available resources or the countable income of the assistance unit and the parent or parents with whom the assistance unit lives are such that a family consisting of the assistance unit's parent or parents, the parent or parents' other family members and the assistance unit as the only or additional minor child would be financially ineligible for general assistance. For the purposes of calculating the countable income of the assistance unit's parent or parents, the calculation methods must follow the provisions under section 256P.06.

387.20 (d) For an assistance unit consisting of a childless couple, the standards of assistance are the same as the first and second adult standards of the aid to families with dependent children program in effect on July 16, 1996. If one member of the couple is not included in

482.4 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.01, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

482.5 Subd. 1a. **Standards.** (a) A principal objective in providing general assistance is to provide for single adults, childless couples, or children as defined in section 256D.02, subdivision 6, ineligible for federal programs who are unable to provide for themselves. The minimum standard of assistance determines the total amount of the general assistance grant without separate standards for shelter, utilities, or other needs.

482.10 (b) The ~~commissioner shall set the standard of assistance for an assistance unit consisting of an adult a recipient who is childless and unmarried or living apart from children and spouse and who does not live with a parent or parents or a legal custodian is the cash portion of the MFIP transitional standard for a single adult under section 256J.24, subdivision 5. When the other standards specified in this subdivision increase, this standard must also be increased by the same percentage.~~

482.16 (c) For an assistance unit consisting of a single adult who lives with a parent or parents, the general assistance standard of assistance ~~is the amount that the aid to families with dependent children standard of assistance, in effect on July 16, 1996, would increase if the recipient were added as an additional minor child to an assistance unit consisting of the recipient's parent and all of that parent's family members, except that the standard may not exceed the standard for a general assistance recipient living alone is the cash portion of the MFIP transitional standard for a single adult under section 256J.24, subdivision 5.~~ Benefits received by a responsible relative of the assistance unit under the Supplemental Security Income program, a workers' compensation program, the Minnesota supplemental aid program, or any other program based on the responsible relative's disability, and any benefits received by a responsible relative of the assistance unit under the Social Security retirement program, may not be counted in the determination of eligibility or benefit level for the assistance unit. Except as provided below, the assistance unit is ineligible for general assistance if the available resources or the countable income of the assistance unit and the parent or parents with whom the assistance unit lives are such that a family consisting of the assistance unit's parent or parents, the parent or parents' other family members and the assistance unit as the only or additional minor child would be financially ineligible for general assistance. For the purposes of calculating the countable income of the assistance unit's parent or parents, the calculation methods must follow the provisions under section 256P.06.

483.1 (d) For an assistance unit consisting of a childless couple, the standards of assistance are the same as the first and second adult standards of the aid to families with dependent children program in effect on July 16, 1996. If one member of the couple is not included in

387.23 the general assistance grant, the standard of assistance for the other is the second adult  
 387.24 standard of the aid to families with dependent children program as of July 16, 1996.

387.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

387.26 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.024, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

387.27 Subdivision 1. **Person convicted of drug offenses.** (a) ~~If~~ An applicant or recipient  
 387.28 ~~individual~~ who has been convicted of a ~~felony-level~~ drug offense ~~after July 1, 1997, the~~  
 387.29 ~~assistance unit is ineligible for benefits under this chapter until five years after the applicant~~  
 387.30 ~~has completed terms of the court-ordered sentence, unless the person is participating in a~~  
 387.31 ~~drug treatment program, has successfully completed a drug treatment program, or has been~~  
 387.32 ~~assessed by the county and determined not to be in need of a drug treatment program. Persons~~  
 387.33 ~~subject to the limitations of this subdivision who become eligible for assistance under this~~  
 387.34 ~~chapter shall during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification~~  
 388.1 ~~may be subject to random drug testing as a condition of continued eligibility and shall lose~~  
 388.2 ~~eligibility for benefits for five years beginning the month following. The county must~~  
 388.3 ~~provide information about substance use disorder treatment programs to a person who tests~~  
 388.4 ~~positive for an illegal controlled substance.~~

388.5 (1) Any positive test result for an illegal controlled substance; or

388.6 (2) ~~discharge of sentence after conviction for another drug felony.~~

388.7 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "drug offense" means a conviction that occurred  
 388.8 ~~after July 1, 1997, during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification~~  
 388.9 of sections 152.021 to 152.025, 152.0261, 152.0262, or 152.096. Drug offense also means  
 388.10 a conviction in another jurisdiction of the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled  
 388.11 substance, or conspiracy to commit any of these offenses, if the ~~offense conviction~~ occurred  
 388.12 ~~after July 1, 1997, during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification~~  
 388.13 and the conviction is a felony offense in that jurisdiction, or in the case of New Jersey, a  
 388.14 high misdemeanor.

388.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

388.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 388.17 read:

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

388.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

483.4 the general assistance grant, the standard of assistance for the other is the second adult  
 483.5 standard of the aid to families with dependent children program as of July 16, 1996.

483.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

483.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.024, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

483.8 Subdivision 1. **Person convicted of drug offenses.** (a) ~~If~~ An applicant or recipient  
 483.9 ~~individual~~ who has been convicted of a ~~felony-level~~ drug offense ~~after July 1, 1997, the~~  
 483.10 ~~assistance unit is ineligible for benefits under this chapter until five years after the applicant~~  
 483.11 ~~has completed terms of the court-ordered sentence, unless the person is participating in a~~  
 483.12 ~~drug treatment program, has successfully completed a drug treatment program, or has been~~  
 483.13 ~~assessed by the county and determined not to be in need of a drug treatment program. Persons~~  
 483.14 ~~subject to the limitations of this subdivision who become eligible for assistance under this~~  
 483.15 ~~chapter shall during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification~~  
 483.16 ~~may be subject to random drug testing as a condition of continued eligibility and shall lose~~  
 483.17 ~~eligibility for benefits for five years beginning the month following. The county must~~  
 483.18 ~~provide information about substance use disorder treatment programs to a person who tests~~  
 483.19 ~~positive for an illegal controlled substance.~~

483.20 (1) Any positive test result for an illegal controlled substance; or

483.21 (2) ~~discharge of sentence after conviction for another drug felony.~~

483.22 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "drug offense" means a conviction that occurred  
 483.23 ~~after July 1, 1997, during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification~~  
 483.24 of sections 152.021 to 152.025, 152.0261, 152.0262, or 152.096. Drug offense also means  
 483.25 a conviction in another jurisdiction of the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled  
 483.26 substance, or conspiracy to commit any of these offenses, if the ~~offense conviction~~ occurred  
 483.27 ~~after July 1, 1997, during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification~~  
 483.28 and the conviction is a felony offense in that jurisdiction, or in the case of New Jersey, a  
 483.29 high misdemeanor.

483.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

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141.22 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.03, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 141.23 to read:

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

141.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

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388.21 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.06, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

388.22 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 90 days of the general assistance application; and (2) execute an interim assistance agreement on a form as directed by the commissioner.

388.26 (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.

389.3 (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.

389.7 (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.

389.10 (e) 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.

389.13 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.44, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

389.14 Subd. 5. **Special needs.** (a) In addition to the state standards of assistance established in subdivisions 1 to 4, payments are allowed for the following special needs of recipients of Minnesota supplemental aid who are not residents of a nursing home, a regional treatment center, or a setting authorized to receive housing support payments under chapter 256I.

389.18 (b) The county agency shall pay a monthly allowance for medically prescribed diets if the cost of those additional dietary needs cannot be met through some other maintenance benefit. The need for special diets or dietary items must be prescribed by a licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant. Costs for special diets shall be determined as percentages of the allotment for a one-person household under the thrifty food plan as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture. The types of diets and the percentages of the thrifty food plan that are covered are as follows:

484.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.06, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

484.2 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 90 days of the general assistance application; and (2) execute an interim assistance agreement on a form as directed by the commissioner.

484.6 (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.

484.14 (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.

484.18 (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.

484.21 (e) 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.

484.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

389.25 (1) high protein diet, at least 80 grams daily, 25 percent of thrifty food plan;

389.26 (2) controlled protein diet, 40 to 60 grams and requires special products, 100 percent of

389.27 thrifty food plan;

389.28 (3) controlled protein diet, less than 40 grams and requires special products, 125 percent

389.29 of thrifty food plan;

389.30 (4) low cholesterol diet, 25 percent of thrifty food plan;

389.31 (5) high residue diet, 20 percent of thrifty food plan;

389.32 (6) pregnancy and lactation diet, 35 percent of thrifty food plan;

390.1 (7) gluten-free diet, 25 percent of thrifty food plan;

390.2 (8) lactose-free diet, 25 percent of thrifty food plan;

390.3 (9) antidiumping diet, 15 percent of thrifty food plan;

390.4 (10) hypoglycemic diet, 15 percent of thrifty food plan; or

390.5 (11) ketogenic diet, 25 percent of thrifty food plan.

390.6 (c) Payment for nonrecurring special needs must be allowed for necessary home repairs

390.7 or necessary repairs or replacement of household furniture and appliances using the payment

390.8 standard of the AFDC program in effect on July 16, 1996, for these expenses, as long as

390.9 other funding sources are not available.

390.10 (d) A fee for guardian or conservator service is allowed at a reasonable rate negotiated

390.11 by the county or approved by the court. This rate shall not exceed five percent of the

390.12 assistance unit's gross monthly income up to a maximum of \$100 per month. If the guardian

390.13 or conservator is a member of the county agency staff, no fee is allowed.

390.14 (e) The county agency shall continue to pay a monthly allowance of \$68 for restaurant

390.15 meals for a person who was receiving a restaurant meal allowance on June 1, 1990, and

390.16 who eats two or more meals in a restaurant daily. The allowance must continue until the

390.17 person has not received Minnesota supplemental aid for one full calendar month or until

390.18 the person's living arrangement changes and the person no longer meets the criteria for the

390.19 restaurant meal allowance, whichever occurs first.

390.20 (f) A fee of ten percent of the recipient's gross income or \$25, whichever is less, equal

390.21 to the maximum monthly amount allowed by the Social Security Administration is allowed

390.22 for representative payee services provided by an agency that meets the requirements under

390.23 SSI regulations to charge a fee for representative payee services. This special need is available

390.24 to all recipients of Minnesota supplemental aid regardless of their living arrangement.

390.25 (g)(1) Notwithstanding the language in this subdivision, an amount equal to one-half of

390.26 the maximum federal Supplemental Security Income payment amount for a single individual

390.27 which is in effect on the first day of July of each year will be added to the standards of

390.28 assistance established in subdivisions 1 to 4 for adults under the age of 65 who qualify as  
 390.29 in need of housing assistance and are:

390.30 (i) relocating from an institution, a setting authorized to receive housing support under  
 390.31 chapter 256I, or an adult mental health residential treatment program under section  
 390.32 256B.0622;

391.1 (ii) eligible for personal care assistance under section 256B.0659; or

391.2 (iii) home and community-based waiver recipients living in their own home or rented  
 391.3 or leased apartment.

391.4 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision 3, paragraph (c), an individual eligible for the shelter  
 391.5 needy benefit under this paragraph is considered a household of one. An eligible individual  
 391.6 who receives this benefit prior to age 65 may continue to receive the benefit after the age  
 391.7 of 65.

391.8 (3) "Housing assistance" means that the assistance unit incurs monthly shelter costs that  
 391.9 exceed 40 percent of the assistance unit's gross income before the application of this special  
 391.10 needs standard. "Gross income" for the purposes of this section is the applicant's or recipient's  
 391.11 income as defined in section 256D.35, subdivision 10, or the standard specified in subdivision  
 391.12 3, paragraph (a) or (b), whichever is greater. A recipient of a federal or state housing subsidy,  
 391.13 that limits shelter costs to a percentage of gross income, shall not be considered in need of  
 391.14 housing assistance for purposes of this paragraph.

391.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.

391.16 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.63, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

391.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

391.24 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.34, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

391.25 Subd. 4. **Use of money.** At least 96 percent of the money distributed to Hunger Solutions  
 391.26 under this section must be distributed to food shelf programs to purchase, transport, and  
 391.27 coordinate the distribution of nutritious food to needy individuals and families. The money  
 391.28 distributed to food shelf programs may also be used to purchase personal hygiene products,  
 391.29 including but not limited to diapers and toilet paper. No more than four percent of the money

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141.27 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.63, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

142.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

142.4 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.34, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

142.5 Subd. 4. **Use of money.** At least 96 percent of the money distributed to Hunger Solutions  
 142.6 under this section must be distributed to food shelf programs to purchase, transport, and  
 142.7 coordinate the distribution of nutritious food to needy individuals and families. The money  
 142.8 distributed to food shelf programs may also be used to purchase personal hygiene products,  
 142.9 including but not limited to diapers and toilet paper. No more than four percent of the money

391.30 may be expended for other expenses, such as rent, salaries, and other administrative expenses  
 391.31 of Hunger Solutions.

392.1 **Sec. 9. [256E.342] AMERICAN INDIAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY FUNDING  
 392.2 PROGRAM.**

392.3 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The American Indian food sovereignty funding program  
 392.4 is established to improve access and equity to food security programs within Tribal and  
 392.5 American Indian communities. The program shall assist Tribal Nations and American Indian  
 392.6 communities in achieving self-determination and improve collaboration and partnership  
 392.7 building between American Indian communities and the state. The commissioner of human  
 392.8 services shall administer the program and provide outreach, technical assistance, and program  
 392.9 development support to increase food security for American Indians.

392.10 Subd. 2. Distribution of funding. (a) The commissioner shall provide funding to support  
 392.11 food system changes and provide equitable access to existing and new methods of food  
 392.12 support for American Indian communities. The commissioner shall determine the timing  
 392.13 and form of the application for the program.

392.14 (b) Eligible recipients of funding under this section include:

392.15 (1) federally recognized American Indian Tribes or bands in Minnesota as defined in  
 392.16 section 10.65; or

392.17 (2) nonprofit organizations or fiscal sponsors with a majority American Indian board of  
 392.18 directors.

392.19 (c) Funding for American Indian Tribes or Bands must be allocated by a formula  
 392.20 determined by the commissioner. Funding for nonprofit organizations or fiscal sponsors  
 392.21 must be awarded through a competitive grant process.

392.22 Subd. 3. Allowable uses of money. Recipients shall use money provided under this  
 392.23 section to promote food security for American Indian communities by:

392.24 (1) planning for sustainable food systems;

392.25 (2) implementing food security programs, including but not limited to technology to  
 392.26 facilitate no-contact or low-contact food distribution and outreach models;

392.27 (3) providing culturally relevant training for building food access;

392.28 (4) purchasing, producing, processing, transporting, storing, and coordinating the  
 392.29 distribution of food, including culturally relevant food; and

392.30 (5) purchasing seeds, plants, equipment, or materials to preserve, procure, or grow food.

392.31 Subd. 4. Reporting. Recipients shall report on the use of American Indian food  
 392.32 sovereignty funding program money under this section to the commissioner.

142.10 may be expended for other expenses, such as rent, salaries, and other administrative expenses  
 142.11 of Hunger Solutions.

142.12 **Sec. 22. [256E.341] AMERICAN INDIAN FOOD SOVEREIGNTY FUNDING  
 142.13 PROGRAM.**

142.14 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The American Indian food sovereignty funding program  
 142.15 is established to improve access and equity to food security programs within Tribal and  
 142.16 American Indian communities. The program shall assist Tribal Nations and American Indian  
 142.17 communities in achieving self-determination and improve collaboration and partnership  
 142.18 building between American Indian communities and the state. The commissioner of human  
 142.19 services shall administer the program and provide outreach, technical assistance, and program  
 142.20 development support to increase food security for American Indians.

142.21 Subd. 2. Distribution of funding. (a) The commissioner shall provide funding to support  
 142.22 food system changes and provide equitable access to existing and new methods of food  
 142.23 support for American Indian communities. The commissioner shall determine the timing  
 142.24 and form of the application for the program.

142.25 (b) Eligible recipients of funding under this section include:

142.26 (1) federally recognized American Indian Tribes or bands in Minnesota as defined in  
 142.27 section 10.65; or

142.28 (2) nonprofit organizations or fiscal sponsors with a majority American Indian board of  
 142.29 directors.

142.30 (c) Funding for American Indian Tribes or bands must be allocated by a formula  
 142.31 determined by the commissioner. Funding for nonprofit organizations or fiscal sponsors  
 142.32 must be awarded through a competitive grant process.

143.1 Subd. 3. Allowable uses of money. Recipients shall use money provided under this  
 143.2 section to promote food security for American Indian communities by:

143.3 (1) planning for sustainable food systems;

143.4 (2) implementing food security programs, including but not limited to technology to  
 143.5 facilitate no-contact or low-contact food distribution and outreach models;

143.6 (3) providing culturally relevant training for building food access;

143.7 (4) purchasing, producing, processing, transporting, storing, and coordinating the  
 143.8 distribution of food, including culturally relevant food; and

143.9 (5) purchasing seeds, plants, equipment, or materials to preserve, procure, or grow food.

143.10 Subd. 4. Reporting. (a) Recipients shall report on the use of American Indian food  
 143.11 sovereignty funding program money under this section to the commissioner.

393.1     The commissioner shall determine the timing and form required for the reports.

393.2     Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

393.6     Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

393.9         (1) an institution of higher education described in section 101 or 102 of the Higher  
393.10     Education Act of 1965; or

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

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

393.18         (d) "Fiduciary organization" means:

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

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

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

393.24         (4) a federally recognized Tribal Nation; or

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

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

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

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

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

143.12         (b) The commissioner shall determine the timing and form required for the reports.

143.13     Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

143.17     Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

143.20         (1) an institution of higher education described in section 101 or 102 of the Higher  
143.21     Education Act of 1965; or

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

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

143.29         (d) "Fiduciary organization" means:

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

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

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

144.6         (4) a federally recognized Tribal Nation; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

394.9 (h) "Permissible use" means:

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

394.12 (2) acquisition costs of acquiring, constructing, or reconstructing a residence, including  
 394.13 any usual or reasonable settlement, financing, or other closing costs;

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

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

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

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

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

394.24 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

394.25 Subd. 3. **Grants awarded.** The commissioner shall allocate funds to participating  
 394.26 fiduciary organizations to provide family asset services. Grant awards must be based on a  
 394.27 plan submitted by a statewide organization representing fiduciary organizations. The  
 394.28 statewide organization must ensure that any interested unrepresented fiduciary organization  
 394.29 have input into the development of the plan. The plan must equitably distribute funds to  
 394.30 achieve geographic balance and document the capacity of participating fiduciary  
 394.31 organizations to manage the program. A portion of funds appropriated for this section may  
 394.32 be expended on evaluation of the Minnesota family assets for independence initiative.

395.3 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

144.21 (h) "Permissible use" means:

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

144.24 (2) acquisition costs of acquiring, constructing, or reconstructing a residence, including  
 144.25 any usual or reasonable settlement, financing, or other closing costs;

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

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

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

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

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

145.6 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

145.7 Subd. 3. **Grants awarded.** The commissioner shall allocate funds to participating  
 145.8 fiduciary organizations to provide family asset services. Grant awards must be based on a  
 145.9 plan submitted by a statewide organization representing fiduciary organizations. The  
 145.10 statewide organization must ensure that any interested unrepresented fiduciary organization  
 145.11 have input into the development of the plan. The plan must equitably distribute funds to  
 145.12 achieve geographic balance and document the capacity of participating fiduciary  
 145.13 organizations to manage the program. A portion of funds appropriated for this section may  
 145.14 be expended on evaluation of the Minnesota family assets for independence initiative.

145.15 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

395.12 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

395.18 (b) The fiscal agent must ensure the household's custodial account contains the applicable  
 395.19 matching funds to match the balance in the household's account, including interest, on at  
 395.20 least a quarterly basis and at the time of an approved withdrawal. Matches must be a  
 395.21 contribution of \$3 from state grant or TANF funds for every \$1 of funds withdrawn from  
 395.22 the family asset account not to exceed a \$6,000 \$12,000 lifetime limit.

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

395.27 (1) from state grant and TANF funds, a matching contribution of \$1.50 for every \$1 of  
 395.28 funds withdrawn from the family asset account not to exceed a \$3,000 \$6,000 lifetime limit;  
 395.29 and

395.30 (2) from nonstate funds, a matching contribution of not less than \$1.50 for every \$1 of  
 395.31 funds withdrawn from the family asset account not to exceed a \$3,000 \$6,000 lifetime limit.

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

396.3 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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

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

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

145.24 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

146.1 (b) The fiscal agent must ensure the household's custodial account contains the applicable  
 146.2 matching funds to match the balance in the household's account, including interest, on at  
 146.3 least a quarterly basis and at the time of an approved withdrawal. Matches must be a  
 146.4 contribution of \$3 from state grant or TANF funds for every \$1 of funds withdrawn from  
 146.5 the family asset account not to exceed a \$6,000 \$12,000 lifetime limit.

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

146.10 (1) from state grant and TANF funds, a matching contribution of \$1.50 for every \$1 of  
 146.11 funds withdrawn from the family asset account not to exceed a \$3,000 \$6,000 lifetime limit;  
 146.12 and

146.13 (2) from nonstate funds, a matching contribution of not less than \$1.50 for every \$1 of  
 146.14 funds withdrawn from the family asset account not to exceed a \$3,000 \$6,000 lifetime limit.

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

146.17 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256E.35, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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

## THE FOLLOWING SECTION WAS TAKEN OUT OF UES2995-2 ARTICLE 11.

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396.13 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.03, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

396.14 Subd. 7. **Countable income.** (a) "Countable income" means all income received by an  
 396.15 applicant or recipient as described under section 256P.06, less any applicable exclusions or  
 396.16 disregards. ~~For a recipient of any cash benefit from the SSI program, countable income~~  
 396.17 ~~means the SSI benefit limit in effect at the time the person is a recipient of housing support,~~  
 396.18 ~~less the medical assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35. If the SSI limit~~  
 396.19 ~~or benefit is reduced for a person due to events other than receipt of additional income,~~  
 396.20 ~~countable income means actual income less any applicable exclusions and disregards.~~

396.21 (b) For a recipient of any cash benefit from the SSI program who does not live in a  
 396.22 setting described in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2), countable  
 396.23 income equals the SSI benefit limit in effect at the time the person is a recipient of housing  
 396.24 support, less the personal needs allowance under section 256B.35. If the SSI limit or benefit  
 396.25 is reduced for a person due to events other than receipt of additional income, countable  
 396.26 income equals actual income less any applicable exclusions and disregards.

396.27 (c) For a recipient of any cash benefit from the SSI program who lives in a setting as  
 396.28 described in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2), countable income  
 396.29 equals 30 percent of the SSI benefit limit in effect at the time a person is a recipient of  
 396.30 housing support. If the SSI limit or benefit is reduced for a person due to events other than  
 396.31 receipt of additional income, countable income equals 30 percent of the actual income less  
 396.32 any applicable exclusions and disregards. For recipients under this paragraph, the personal  
 396.33 needs allowance described in section 256B.35 does not apply.

397.1 (d) Notwithstanding the earned income disregard described in section 256P.03, for a  
 397.2 recipient of unearned income as defined in section 256P.06, subdivision 3, clause (2), other  
 397.3 than SSI and the general assistance personal needs allowance, who lives in a setting described  
 397.4 in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2), countable income equals 30  
 397.5 percent of the recipient's total income after applicable exclusions and disregards. Total  
 397.6 income includes any unearned income as defined in section 256P.06 and any earned income  
 397.7 in the month the person is a recipient of housing support. For recipients under this paragraph,  
 397.8 the personal needs allowance described in section 256B.35 does not apply.

397.9 (e) For a recipient who lives in a setting as described in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a,  
 397.10 paragraph (b), clause (2), and receives general assistance, the personal needs allowance  
 397.11 described in section 256B.35 is not countable unearned income.

397.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

491.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.03, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

491.4 Subd. 7. **Countable income.** (a) "Countable income" means all income received by an  
 491.5 applicant or recipient as described under section 256P.06, less any applicable exclusions or  
 491.6 disregards. ~~For a recipient of any cash benefit from the SSI program, countable income~~  
 491.7 ~~means the SSI benefit limit in effect at the time the person is a recipient of housing support,~~  
 491.8 ~~less the medical assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35. If the SSI limit~~  
 491.9 ~~or benefit is reduced for a person due to events other than receipt of additional income,~~  
 491.10 ~~countable income means actual income less any applicable exclusions and disregards.~~

491.11 (b) For a recipient of any cash benefit from the SSI program who does not live in a  
 491.12 setting described in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2), countable  
 491.13 income equals the SSI benefit limit in effect at the time the person is a recipient of housing  
 491.14 support, less the personal needs allowance under section 256B.35. If the SSI limit or benefit  
 491.15 is reduced for a person due to events other than receipt of additional income, countable  
 491.16 income equals actual income less any applicable exclusions and disregards.

491.17 (c) For a recipient of any cash benefit from the SSI program who lives in a setting as  
 491.18 described in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2), countable income  
 491.19 equals 30 percent of the SSI benefit limit in effect at the time a person is a recipient of  
 491.20 housing support. If the SSI limit or benefit is reduced for a person due to events other than  
 491.21 receipt of additional income, countable income equals 30 percent of the actual income less  
 491.22 any applicable exclusions and disregards. For recipients under this paragraph, the personal  
 491.23 needs allowance described in section 256B.35 does not apply.

491.24 (d) Notwithstanding the earned income disregard described in section 256P.03, for a  
 491.25 recipient of unearned income as defined in section 256P.06, subdivision 3, clause (2), other  
 491.26 than SSI and the general assistance personal needs allowance, who lives in a setting described  
 491.27 in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2), countable income equals 30  
 491.28 percent of the recipient's total income after applicable exclusions and disregards. Total  
 491.29 income includes any unearned income as defined in section 256P.06 and any earned income  
 491.30 in the month the person is a recipient of housing support. For recipients under this paragraph,  
 491.31 the personal needs allowance described in section 256B.35 does not apply.

491.32 (e) For a recipient who lives in a setting as described in section 256I.04, subdivision 2a,  
 491.33 paragraph (b), clause (2), and receives general assistance, the personal needs allowance  
 491.34 described in section 256B.35 is not countable unearned income.

492.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

397.13 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.03, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

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

397.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

397.18 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.06, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

397.19 Subd. 6. **Reports.** Recipients must report changes in circumstances according to section  
 397.20 256P.07 that affect eligibility or housing support payment amounts, other than changes in  
 397.21 earned income, within ten days of the change. Recipients with countable earned income  
 397.22 must complete a household report form at least once every six months according to section  
 397.23 256P.10. If the report form is not received before the end of the month in which it is due,  
 397.24 the county agency must terminate eligibility for housing support payments. The termination  
 397.25 shall be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the report was  
 397.26 due. If a complete report is received within the month eligibility was terminated, the  
 397.27 individual is considered to have continued an application for housing support payment  
 397.28 effective the first day of the month the eligibility was terminated.

397.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

398.1 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.06, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 398.2 to read:

398.3 Subd. 6a. **When to terminate assistance.** An agency must terminate benefits when the  
 398.4 assistance unit fails to submit the household report form before the end of the month in  
 398.5 which it is due. The termination shall be effective on the first day of the month following  
 398.6 the month in which the report was due. If the assistance unit submits the household report  
 398.7 form within 30 days of the termination of benefits and remains eligible, benefits must be  
 398.8 reinstated and made available retroactively for the full benefit month.

398.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

398.10 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.06, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

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

398.17 (b) For an individual with earned income under paragraph (a), prospective budgeting  
 398.18 according to section 256P.09 must be used to determine the amount of the individual's

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146.27 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.03, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

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

146.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

147.1 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.06, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

147.2 Subd. 6. **Reports.** Recipients must report changes in circumstances according to section  
 147.3 256P.07 that affect eligibility or housing support payment amounts, other than changes in  
 147.4 earned income, within ten days of the change. Recipients with countable earned income  
 147.5 must complete a household report form at least once every six months according to section  
 147.6 256P.10. If the report form is not received before the end of the month in which it is due,  
 147.7 the county agency must terminate eligibility for housing support payments. The termination  
 147.8 shall be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the report was  
 147.9 due. If a complete report is received within the month eligibility was terminated, the  
 147.10 individual is considered to have continued an application for housing support payment  
 147.11 effective the first day of the month the eligibility was terminated.

147.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

147.13 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.06, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 147.14 to read:

147.15 Subd. 6a. **When to terminate assistance.** An agency must terminate benefits when the  
 147.16 assistance unit fails to submit the household report form before the end of the month in  
 147.17 which it is due. The termination shall be effective on the first day of the month following  
 147.18 the month in which the report was due. If the assistance unit submits the household report  
 147.19 form within 30 days of the termination of benefits and remains eligible, benefits must be  
 147.20 reinstated and made available retroactively for the full benefit month.

147.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

147.22 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256I.06, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

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

147.29 (b) For an individual with earned income under paragraph (a), prospective budgeting  
 147.30 according to section 256P.09 must be used to determine the amount of the individual's

398.19 payment for the following six-month period. An increase in income shall not affect an  
398.20 individual's eligibility or payment amount until the month following the reporting month.  
398.21 A decrease in income shall be effective the first day of the month after the month in which  
398.22 the decrease is reported.

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

398.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

147.31 payment for the following six-month period. An increase in income shall not affect an  
147.32 individual's eligibility or payment amount until the month following the reporting month.  
148.1 A decrease in income shall be effective the first day of the month after the month in which  
148.2 the decrease is reported.

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

148.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

148.7 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.01, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

148.8 Subdivision 1. **Implementation of Minnesota family investment program**  
148.9 **(MFIP).** Except for section 256I.95, This chapter and chapter 256K may be cited as the  
148.10 Minnesota family investment program (MFIP). MFIP is the statewide implementation of  
148.11 components of the Minnesota family investment plan (MFIP) authorized and formerly  
148.12 codified in section 256.031 and Minnesota family investment plan-Ramsey County (MFIP-R)  
148.13 formerly codified in section 256.047.

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

148.15 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

148.16 Subd. 2. **Use of money.** State money appropriated for purposes of this section and TANF  
148.17 block grant money must be used for:

148.18 (1) financial assistance to or on behalf of any minor child who is a resident of this state  
148.19 under section 256J.12;

148.20 (2) the health care and human services training and retention program under chapter  
148.21 116L, for costs associated with families with children with incomes below 200 percent of  
148.22 the federal poverty guidelines;

148.23 (3) the pathways program under section 116L.04, subdivision 1a;

148.24 (4) welfare to work transportation authorized under Public Law 105-178;

148.25 (5) reimbursements for the federal share of child support collections passed through to  
148.26 the custodial parent;

148.27 (6) program administration under this chapter;

148.28 (7) the diversionary work program under section 256J.95;

148.29 (8) (7) the MFIP consolidated fund under section 256J.626; and

149.1 (9) (8) the Minnesota Department of Health consolidated fund under Laws 2001, First  
149.2 Special Session chapter 9, article 17, section 3, subdivision 2.

398.27 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.08, subdivision 71, is amended to read:

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

398.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

399.1 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.08, subdivision 79, is amended to read:

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

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

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

149.4 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.08, subdivision 65, is amended to read:

149.5 Subd. 65. **Participant.** (a) "Participant" includes any of the following:

149.6 (1) a person who is currently receiving cash assistance or the food portion available  
 149.7 through MFIP;

149.8 (2) a person who withdraws a cash or food assistance payment by electronic transfer or  
 149.9 receives and cashes an MFIP assistance check or food coupons and is subsequently  
 149.10 determined to be ineligible for assistance for that period of time is a participant, regardless  
 149.11 whether that assistance is repaid;

149.12 (3) the caregiver relative and the minor child whose needs are included in the assistance  
 149.13 payment;

149.14 (4) a person in an assistance unit who does not receive a cash and food assistance payment  
 149.15 because the case has been suspended from MFIP; and

149.16 (5) a person who receives cash payments under the diversionary work program under  
 149.17 section 256J.95 is a participant; and

149.18 (6) (5) a person who receives cash payments under family stabilization services under  
 149.19 section 256J.575.

149.20 (b) "Participant" does not include a person who fails to withdraw or access electronically  
 149.21 any portion of the person's cash and food assistance payment by the end of the payment  
 149.22 month, who makes a written request for closure before the first of a payment month and  
 149.23 repays cash and food assistance electronically issued for that payment month within that  
 149.24 payment month, or who returns any uncashed assistance check and food coupons and  
 149.25 withdraws from the program.

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

149.27 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.08, subdivision 71, is amended to read:

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

150.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

150.2 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.08, subdivision 79, is amended to read:

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

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

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

399.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

399.8 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

399.9 Subdivision 1. **General citizenship requirements.** (a) To be eligible for MFIP, a member  
 399.10 of the assistance unit must be a citizen of the United States, a qualified noncitizen as defined  
 399.11 in section 256J.08, or a noncitizen who is otherwise residing lawfully in the United States.

399.12 (b) A qualified noncitizen who entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996,  
 399.13 is eligible for MFIP. However, TANF dollars cannot be used to fund the MFIP benefits for  
 399.14 an individual under this paragraph for a period of five years after the date of entry unless  
 399.15 the qualified noncitizen meets one of the following criteria:

399.16 (1) was admitted to the United States as a refugee under United States Code, title 8,  
 399.17 section 1157;

399.18 (2) was granted asylum under United States Code, title 8, section 1158;

399.19 (3) was granted withholding of deportation under the United States Code, title 8, section  
 399.20 1253(h);

399.21 (4) is a veteran of the United States armed forces with an honorable discharge for a  
 399.22 reason other than noncitizen status, or is a spouse or unmarried minor dependent child of  
 399.23 the same; or

399.24 (5) is an individual on active duty in the United States armed forces, other than for  
 399.25 training, or is a spouse or unmarried minor dependent child of the same.

399.26 (c) A person who is not a qualified noncitizen but who is otherwise residing lawfully in  
 399.27 the United States is eligible for MFIP. However, TANF dollars cannot be used to fund the  
 399.28 MFIP benefits for an individual under this paragraph.

399.29 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, a nonimmigrant in one or more of the classes listed  
 399.30 in United States Code, title 8, section 1101(a)(15)(A)-(S) and (V), or an undocumented

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

150.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

150.9 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.09, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

150.10 Subd. 10. **Ineligibility for MFIP or the diversionary work program.** When an applicant  
 150.11 ~~is not eligible for MFIP or the diversionary work program under section 256J.95 because~~  
 150.12 ~~the applicant does not meet eligibility requirements, the county agency must determine~~  
 150.13 ~~whether the applicant is eligible for SNAP; or health care programs. The county must also~~  
 150.14 ~~inform applicants about resources available through the county or other agencies to meet~~  
 150.15 ~~short-term emergency needs.~~

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

150.17 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

150.18 Subdivision 1. **General citizenship requirements.** (a) To be eligible for MFIP, a member  
 150.19 of the assistance unit must be a citizen of the United States, a qualified noncitizen as defined  
 150.20 in section 256J.08, or a noncitizen who is otherwise residing lawfully in the United States.

150.21 (b) A qualified noncitizen who entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996,  
 150.22 is eligible for MFIP. However, TANF dollars cannot be used to fund the MFIP benefits for  
 150.23 an individual under this paragraph for a period of five years after the date of entry unless  
 150.24 the qualified noncitizen meets one of the following criteria:

150.25 (1) was admitted to the United States as a refugee under United States Code, title 8,  
 150.26 section 1157;

150.27 (2) was granted asylum under United States Code, title 8, section 1158;

150.28 (3) was granted withholding of deportation under the United States Code, title 8, section  
 150.29 1253(h);

151.1 (4) is a veteran of the United States armed forces with an honorable discharge for a  
 151.2 reason other than noncitizen status, or is a spouse or unmarried minor dependent child of  
 151.3 the same; or

151.4 (5) is an individual on active duty in the United States armed forces, other than for  
 151.5 training, or is a spouse or unmarried minor dependent child of the same.

151.6 (c) A person who is not a qualified noncitizen but who is otherwise residing lawfully in  
 151.7 the United States is eligible for MFIP. However, TANF dollars cannot be used to fund the  
 151.8 MFIP benefits for an individual under this paragraph.

151.9 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, a nonimmigrant in one or more of the classes listed  
 151.10 in United States Code, title 8, section 1101(a)(15)(A)-(S) and (V), or an undocumented

400.1 immigrant who resides in the United States without the approval or acquiescence of the  
 400.2 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, is not eligible for MFIP.

400.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2024, or upon federal approval,  
 400.4 whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes  
 400.5 when federal approval is obtained.

400.6 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.21, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

400.7 Subd. 3. **Initial income test.** (a) The agency shall determine initial eligibility by  
 400.8 considering all earned and unearned income as defined in section 256P.06. To be eligible  
 400.9 for MFIP, the assistance unit's countable income minus the earned income disregards in  
 400.10 paragraph (a) and section 256P.03 must be below the family wage level according to section  
 400.11 256J.24, subdivision 7, for that size assistance unit.

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

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

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

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

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

400.23 (b) After initial eligibility is established, (c) The income test is for a six-month period.  
 400.24 The assistance payment calculation is based on the monthly income test prospective budgeting  
 400.25 according to section 256P.09.

400.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

400.27 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.21, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

401.1 (a) Apply an income disregard as defined in section 256P.03, to gross earnings and  
 401.2 subtract this amount from the family wage level. If the difference is equal to or greater than  
 401.3 the MFIP transitional standard, the assistance payment is equal to the MFIP transitional  
 401.4 standard. If the difference is less than the MFIP transitional standard, the assistance payment

151.11 immigrant who resides in the United States without the approval or acquiescence of the  
 151.12 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, is not eligible for MFIP.

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

151.14 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.21, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

151.15 Subd. 3. **Initial income test.** (a) The agency shall determine initial eligibility by  
 151.16 considering all earned and unearned income as defined in section 256P.06. To be eligible  
 151.17 for MFIP, the assistance unit's countable income minus the earned income disregards in  
 151.18 paragraph (a) and section 256P.03 must be below the family wage level according to section  
 151.19 256J.24, subdivision 7, for that size assistance unit.

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

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

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

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

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

152.1 (b) After initial eligibility is established, (c) The income test is for a six-month period.  
 152.2 The assistance payment calculation is based on the monthly income test prospective budgeting  
 152.3 according to section 256P.09.

152.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

152.5 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.21, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

152.10 (a) Apply an income disregard as defined in section 256P.03, to gross earnings and  
 152.11 subtract this amount from the family wage level. If the difference is equal to or greater than  
 152.12 the MFIP transitional standard, the assistance payment is equal to the MFIP transitional  
 152.13 standard. If the difference is less than the MFIP transitional standard, the assistance payment

401.5 is equal to the difference. The earned income disregard in this paragraph must be deducted  
 401.6 every month there is earned income.

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

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

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

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

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

401.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

401.24 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.26, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

401.25 Subdivision 1. **Person convicted of drug offenses.** (a) An individual who has been  
 401.26 convicted of a felony level drug offense ~~committed~~ during the previous ten years from the  
 401.27 date of application or recertification is subject to the following:

401.28 (1) Benefits for the entire assistance unit must be paid in vendor form for shelter and  
 401.29 utilities during any time the applicant is part of the assistance unit.

401.30 (2) The convicted applicant or participant ~~shall~~ may be subject to random drug testing  
 401.31 as a condition of continued eligibility and, following any positive test for an illegal controlled  
 402.1 substance ~~is subject to the following sanctions~~, the county must provide information about  
 402.2 substance use disorder treatment programs to the applicant or participant.

402.3 (i) for failing a drug test the first time, the residual amount of the participant's grant after  
 402.4 making vendor payments for shelter and utility costs, if any, must be reduced by an amount  
 402.5 equal to 30 percent of the MFIP standard of need for an assistance unit of the same size.  
 402.6 When a sanction under this subdivision is in effect, the job counselor must attempt to meet  
 402.7 with the person face to face. During the face to face meeting, the job counselor must explain  
 402.8 the consequences of a subsequent drug test failure and inform the participant of the right to

152.14 is equal to the difference. The earned income disregard in this paragraph must be deducted  
 152.15 every month there is earned income.

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

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

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

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

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

152.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

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484.25 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.26, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

484.26 Subdivision 1. **Person convicted of drug offenses.** (a) An individual who has been  
 484.27 convicted of a felony level drug offense ~~committed~~ during the previous ten years from the  
 484.28 date of application or recertification is subject to the following:

484.29 (1) Benefits for the entire assistance unit must be paid in vendor form for shelter and  
 484.30 utilities during any time the applicant is part of the assistance unit.

484.31 (2) The convicted applicant or participant ~~shall~~ may be subject to random drug testing  
 484.32 as a condition of continued eligibility and, following any positive test for an illegal controlled  
 485.1 substance ~~is subject to the following sanctions~~, the county must provide information about  
 485.2 substance use disorder treatment programs to the applicant or participant.

485.3 (i) for failing a drug test the first time, the residual amount of the participant's grant after  
 485.4 making vendor payments for shelter and utility costs, if any, must be reduced by an amount  
 485.5 equal to 30 percent of the MFIP standard of need for an assistance unit of the same size.  
 485.6 When a sanction under this subdivision is in effect, the job counselor must attempt to meet  
 485.7 with the person face to face. During the face to face meeting, the job counselor must explain  
 485.8 the consequences of a subsequent drug test failure and inform the participant of the right to

402.9 appeal the sanction under section 256J.40. If a face to face meeting is not possible, the  
 402.10 county agency must send the participant a notice of adverse action as provided in section  
 402.11 256J.31, subdivisions 4 and 5, and must include the information required in the face-to-face  
 402.12 meeting; or

402.13 (ii) for failing a drug test two times, the participant is permanently disqualified from  
 402.14 receiving MFIP assistance, both the cash and food portions. The assistance unit's MFIP  
 402.15 grant must be reduced by the amount which would have otherwise been made available to  
 402.16 the disqualified participant. Disqualification under this item does not make a participant  
 402.17 ineligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Before a  
 402.18 disqualification under this provision is imposed, the job counselor must attempt to meet  
 402.19 with the participant face-to-face. During the face to face meeting, the job counselor must  
 402.20 identify other resources that may be available to the participant to meet the needs of the  
 402.21 family and inform the participant of the right to appeal the disqualification under section  
 402.22 256J.40. If a face to face meeting is not possible, the county agency must send the participant  
 402.23 a notice of adverse action as provided in section 256J.31, subdivisions 4 and 5, and must  
 402.24 include the information required in the face-to-face meeting.

402.25 (3) A participant who fails a drug test the first time and is under a sanction due to other  
 402.26 MFIP program requirements is considered to have more than one occurrence of  
 402.27 noncompliance and is subject to the applicable level of sanction as specified under section  
 402.28 256J.46, subdivision 1, paragraph (d).

402.29 (b) Applicants requesting only SNAP benefits or participants receiving only SNAP  
 402.30 benefits, who have been convicted of a felony-level drug offense ~~that occurred after July~~  
 402.31 ~~1,1997; during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification~~ may,  
 402.32 if otherwise eligible, receive SNAP benefits ~~if~~. The convicted applicant or participant ~~is~~  
 402.33 ~~may be~~ subject to random drug testing as a condition of continued eligibility. Following a  
 402.34 positive test for an illegal controlled substance, the applicant is subject to the following  
 403.1 ~~sanctions: county must provide information about substance use disorder treatment programs~~  
 403.2 ~~to the applicant or participant.~~

403.3 (1) for failing a drug test the first time, SNAP benefits shall be reduced by an amount  
 403.4 equal to 30 percent of the applicable SNAP benefit allotment. When a sanction under this  
 403.5 clause is in effect, a job counselor must attempt to meet with the person face to face. During  
 403.6 the face to face meeting, a job counselor must explain the consequences of a subsequent  
 403.7 drug test failure and inform the participant of the right to appeal the sanction under section  
 403.8 256J.40. If a face to face meeting is not possible, a county agency must send the participant  
 403.9 a notice of adverse action as provided in section 256J.31, subdivisions 4 and 5, and must  
 403.10 include the information required in the face-to-face meeting; and

403.11 (2) for failing a drug test two times, the participant is permanently disqualified from  
 403.12 receiving SNAP benefits. Before a disqualification under this provision is imposed, a job  
 403.13 counselor must attempt to meet with the participant face to face. During the face to face  
 403.14 meeting, the job counselor must identify other resources that may be available to the  
 403.15 participant to meet the needs of the family and inform the participant of the right to appeal

485.9 appeal the sanction under section 256J.40. If a face to face meeting is not possible, the  
 485.10 county agency must send the participant a notice of adverse action as provided in section  
 485.11 256J.31, subdivisions 4 and 5, and must include the information required in the face-to-face  
 485.12 meeting; or

485.13 (ii) for failing a drug test two times, the participant is permanently disqualified from  
 485.14 receiving MFIP assistance, both the cash and food portions. The assistance unit's MFIP  
 485.15 grant must be reduced by the amount which would have otherwise been made available to  
 485.16 the disqualified participant. Disqualification under this item does not make a participant  
 485.17 ineligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Before a  
 485.18 disqualification under this provision is imposed, the job counselor must attempt to meet  
 485.19 with the participant face-to-face. During the face to face meeting, the job counselor must  
 485.20 identify other resources that may be available to the participant to meet the needs of the  
 485.21 family and inform the participant of the right to appeal the disqualification under section  
 485.22 256J.40. If a face to face meeting is not possible, the county agency must send the participant  
 485.23 a notice of adverse action as provided in section 256J.31, subdivisions 4 and 5, and must  
 485.24 include the information required in the face-to-face meeting.

485.25 (3) A participant who fails a drug test the first time and is under a sanction due to other  
 485.26 MFIP program requirements is considered to have more than one occurrence of  
 485.27 noncompliance and is subject to the applicable level of sanction as specified under section  
 485.28 256J.46, subdivision 1, paragraph (d).

485.29 (b) Applicants requesting only SNAP benefits or participants receiving only SNAP  
 485.30 benefits, who have been convicted of a felony-level drug offense ~~that occurred after July~~  
 485.31 ~~1,1997; during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification~~ may,  
 485.32 if otherwise eligible, receive SNAP benefits ~~if~~. The convicted applicant or participant ~~is~~  
 485.33 ~~may be~~ subject to random drug testing as a condition of continued eligibility. Following a  
 485.34 positive test for an illegal controlled substance, the applicant is subject to the following  
 486.1 ~~sanctions: county must provide information about substance use disorder treatment programs~~  
 486.2 ~~to the applicant or participant.~~

486.3 (1) for failing a drug test the first time, SNAP benefits shall be reduced by an amount  
 486.4 equal to 30 percent of the applicable SNAP benefit allotment. When a sanction under this  
 486.5 clause is in effect, a job counselor must attempt to meet with the person face to face. During  
 486.6 the face to face meeting, a job counselor must explain the consequences of a subsequent  
 486.7 drug test failure and inform the participant of the right to appeal the sanction under section  
 486.8 256J.40. If a face to face meeting is not possible, a county agency must send the participant  
 486.9 a notice of adverse action as provided in section 256J.31, subdivisions 4 and 5, and must  
 486.10 include the information required in the face-to-face meeting; and

486.11 (2) for failing a drug test two times, the participant is permanently disqualified from  
 486.12 receiving SNAP benefits. Before a disqualification under this provision is imposed, a job  
 486.13 counselor must attempt to meet with the participant face to face. During the face to face  
 486.14 meeting, the job counselor must identify other resources that may be available to the  
 486.15 participant to meet the needs of the family and inform the participant of the right to appeal

403.16 the disqualification under section 256J.40. If a face to face meeting is not possible, a county  
 403.17 agency must send the participant a notice of adverse action as provided in section 256J.31,  
 403.18 subdivisions 4 and 5, and must include the information required in the face to face meeting.

403.19 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, "drug offense" means an offense a conviction  
 403.20 that occurred during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification  
 403.21 of sections 152.021 to 152.025, 152.0261, 152.0262, 152.096, or 152.137. Drug offense  
 403.22 also means a conviction in another jurisdiction of the possession, use, or distribution of a  
 403.23 controlled substance, or conspiracy to commit any of these offenses, if the offense conviction  
 403.24 occurred during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification and  
 403.25 the conviction is a felony offense in that jurisdiction, or in the case of New Jersey, a high  
 403.26 misdemeanor.

403.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

403.28 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

404.1 (b) ~~Except as described in section 256J.34, subdivision 1, when prospective eligibility~~  
 404.2 ~~exists~~; A county agency must calculate the amount of the assistance payment using  
 404.3 ~~retrospective prospective~~ budgeting. To determine MFIP eligibility and the assistance  
 404.4 payment amount, a county agency must apply countable income, described in sections  
 404.5 256P.06 and 256J.37, subdivisions 3 to ~~40~~ 9, received by members of an assistance unit or  
 404.6 by other persons whose income is counted for the assistance unit, described under sections  
 404.7 256J.37, subdivisions 1 to 2, and 256P.06, subdivision 1.

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

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

404.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025, except that the amendment  
 404.15 to paragraph (b) striking "10" and inserting "9" is effective July 1, 2024.

404.16 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.33, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

404.17 Subd. 2. **Prospective eligibility.** An agency must determine whether the eligibility  
 404.18 requirements that pertain to an assistance unit, including those in sections 256J.11 to 256J.15  
 404.19 and 256P.02, will be met prospectively for the payment ~~month~~ period. ~~Except for the~~

486.16 the disqualification under section 256J.40. If a face to face meeting is not possible, a county  
 486.17 agency must send the participant a notice of adverse action as provided in section 256J.31,  
 486.18 subdivisions 4 and 5, and must include the information required in the face to face meeting.

486.19 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, "drug offense" means an offense a conviction  
 486.20 that occurred during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification  
 486.21 of sections 152.021 to 152.025, 152.0261, 152.0262, 152.096, or 152.137. Drug offense  
 486.22 also means a conviction in another jurisdiction of the possession, use, or distribution of a  
 486.23 controlled substance, or conspiracy to commit any of these offenses, if the offense conviction  
 486.24 occurred during the previous ten years from the date of application or recertification and  
 486.25 the conviction is a felony offense in that jurisdiction, or in the case of New Jersey, a high  
 486.26 misdemeanor.

486.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

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153.1 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.33, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

153.6 (b) ~~Except as described in section 256J.34, subdivision 1, when prospective eligibility~~  
 153.7 ~~exists~~; A county agency must calculate the amount of the assistance payment using  
 153.8 ~~retrospective prospective~~ budgeting. To determine MFIP eligibility and the assistance  
 153.9 payment amount, a county agency must apply countable income, described in sections  
 153.10 256P.06 and 256J.37, subdivisions 3 to ~~40~~ 9, received by members of an assistance unit or  
 153.11 by other persons whose income is counted for the assistance unit, described under sections  
 153.12 256J.37, subdivisions 1 to 2, and 256P.06, subdivision 1.

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

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

153.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025, except that the amendment  
 153.20 to paragraph (b) striking "10" and inserting "9" is effective July 1, 2024.

153.21 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.33, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

153.22 Subd. 2. **Prospective eligibility.** An agency must determine whether the eligibility  
 153.23 requirements that pertain to an assistance unit, including those in sections 256J.11 to 256J.15  
 153.24 and 256P.02, will be met prospectively for the payment ~~month~~ period. ~~Except for the~~

404.20 ~~provisions in section 256J.34, subdivision 1; The income test will be applied retrospectively~~  
 404.21 ~~prospectively.~~

404.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

404.23 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.35, is amended to read:

**256J.35 AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PAYMENT.**

404.25 Except as provided in paragraphs (a) to ~~(d)~~(e), the amount of an assistance payment is  
 404.26 equal to the difference between the MFIP standard of need or the Minnesota family wage  
 404.27 level in section 256J.24 and countable income.

404.28 (a) Beginning July 1, 2015, MFIP assistance units are eligible for an MFIP housing  
 404.29 assistance grant of \$110 per month, unless:

405.1 (1) the housing assistance unit is currently receiving public and assisted rental subsidies  
 405.2 provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is subject  
 405.3 to section 256J.37, subdivision 3a; or

405.4 (2) the assistance unit is a child-only case under section 256J.88.

405.5 (b) On October 1 of each year, the commissioner shall adjust the MFIP housing assistance  
 405.6 grant in paragraph (a) for inflation based on the CPI-U for the prior calendar year.

405.7 (c) When MFIP eligibility exists for the month of application, the amount of the assistance  
 405.8 payment for the month of application must be prorated from the date of application or the  
 405.9 date all other eligibility factors are met for that applicant, whichever is later. This provision  
 405.10 applies when an applicant loses at least one day of MFIP eligibility.

405.11 ~~(d)~~(d) MFIP overpayments to an assistance unit must be recouped according to section  
 405.12 256P.08, subdivision 6.

405.13 ~~(d)~~(e) An initial assistance payment must not be made to an applicant who is not eligible  
 405.14 on the date payment is made.

405.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

405.16 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.37, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

405.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

153.25 ~~provisions in section 256J.34, subdivision 1; The income test will be applied retrospectively~~  
 153.26 ~~prospectively.~~

153.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

154.1 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.35, is amended to read:

**256J.35 AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PAYMENT.**

154.3 Except as provided in paragraphs (a) to ~~(d)~~(e), the amount of an assistance payment is  
 154.4 equal to the difference between the MFIP standard of need or the Minnesota family wage  
 154.5 level in section 256J.24 and countable income.

154.6 (a) Beginning July 1, 2015, MFIP assistance units are eligible for an MFIP housing  
 154.7 assistance grant of \$110 per month, unless:

154.8 (1) the housing assistance unit is currently receiving public and assisted rental subsidies  
 154.9 provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is subject  
 154.10 to section 256J.37, subdivision 3a; or

154.11 (2) the assistance unit is a child-only case under section 256J.88.

154.12 (b) On October 1 of each year, the commissioner shall adjust the MFIP housing assistance  
 154.13 grant in paragraph (a) for inflation based on the CPI-U for the prior calendar year.

154.14 ~~(d)~~(c) When MFIP eligibility exists for the month of application, the amount of the assistance  
 154.15 payment for the month of application must be prorated from the date of application  
 154.16 or the date all other eligibility factors are met for that applicant, whichever is later. This  
 154.17 provision applies when an applicant loses at least one day of MFIP eligibility.

154.18 ~~(d)~~(d) MFIP overpayments to an assistance unit must be recouped according to section  
 154.19 256P.08, subdivision 6.

154.20 ~~(d)~~(e) An initial assistance payment must not be made to an applicant who is not eligible  
 154.21 on the date payment is made.

154.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2024.

154.23 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.37, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

154.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

405.23 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.37, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

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

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

406.1 (1) age 60 or older;

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

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

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

406.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

155.1 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.37, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

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

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

155.10 (1) age 60 or older;

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

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

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

155.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

155.23 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.40, is amended to read:

155.24 **256J.40 FAIR HEARINGS.**

155.25 Caregivers receiving a notice of intent to sanction or a notice of adverse action that  
 155.26 includes a sanction, reduction in benefits, suspension of benefits, denial of benefits, or  
 155.27 termination of benefits may request a fair hearing. A request for a fair hearing must be  
 155.28 submitted in writing to the county agency or to the commissioner and must be mailed within  
 155.29 30 days after a participant or former participant receives written notice of the agency's action  
 155.30 or within 90 days when a participant or former participant shows good cause for not  
 155.31 submitting the request within 30 days. A former participant who receives a notice of adverse  
 156.1 action due to an overpayment may appeal the adverse action according to the requirements  
 156.2 in this section. Issues that may be appealed are:

156.3 (1) the amount of the assistance payment;

156.4 (2) a suspension, reduction, denial, or termination of assistance;

156.5        (3) the basis for an overpayment, the calculated amount of an overpayment, and the level  
156.6        of recoupment;

156.7        (4) the eligibility for an assistance payment; and

156.8        (5) the use of protective or vendor payments under section 256J.39, subdivision 2, clauses  
156.9        (1) to (3).

156.10        Except for benefits issued under section 256J.95, A county agency must not reduce,  
156.11        suspend, or terminate payment when an aggrieved participant requests a fair hearing prior  
156.12        to the effective date of the adverse action or within ten days of the mailing of the notice of  
156.13        adverse action, whichever is later, unless the participant requests in writing not to receive  
156.14        continued assistance pending a hearing decision. An appeal request cannot extend benefits  
156.15        for the diversionary work program under section 256J.95 beyond the four-month time limit.  
156.16        Assistance issued pending a fair hearing is subject to recovery under section 256P.08 when  
156.17        as a result of the fair hearing decision the participant is determined ineligible for assistance  
156.18        or the amount of the assistance received. A county agency may increase or reduce an  
156.19        assistance payment while an appeal is pending when the circumstances of the participant  
156.20        change and are not related to the issue on appeal. The commissioner's order is binding on  
156.21        a county agency. No additional notice is required to enforce the commissioner's order.

156.22        A county agency shall reimburse appellants for reasonable and necessary expenses of  
156.23        attendance at the hearing, such as child care and transportation costs and for the transportation  
156.24        expenses of the appellant's witnesses and representatives to and from the hearing. Reasonable  
156.25        and necessary expenses do not include legal fees. Fair hearings must be conducted at a  
156.26        reasonable time and date by an impartial human services judge employed by the department.  
156.27        The hearing may be conducted by telephone or at a site that is readily accessible to persons  
156.28        with disabilities.

156.29        The appellant may introduce new or additional evidence relevant to the issues on appeal.  
156.30        Recommendations of the human services judge and decisions of the commissioner must be  
156.31        based on evidence in the hearing record and are not limited to a review of the county agency  
156.32        action.

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

157.1        Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.42, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

157.2        Subd. 5. **Exemption for certain families.** (a) Any cash assistance received by an  
157.3        assistance unit does not count toward the 60-month limit on assistance during a month in  
157.4        which the caregiver is age 60 or older.

157.5        (b) From July 1, 1997, until the date MFIP is operative in the caregiver's county of  
157.6        financial responsibility, any cash assistance received by a caregiver who is complying with  
157.7        Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 256.73, subdivision 5a, and Minnesota Statutes 1998,  
157.8        section 256.736, if applicable, does not count toward the 60-month limit on assistance.  
157.9        Thereafter, any cash assistance received by a minor caregiver who is complying with the

406.14 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.425, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

406.15 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** (a) To be eligible for a hardship extension, a participant in  
 406.16 an assistance unit subject to the time limit under section 256J.42, subdivision 1, must ~~be in~~  
 406.17 ~~compliance in the participant's 60th counted month. For purposes of determining eligibility~~  
 406.18 ~~for a hardship extension, a participant is in compliance in any month that the participant~~  
 406.19 ~~has not been sanctioned. In order to maintain eligibility for any of the hardship extension~~  
 406.20 ~~categories a participant shall~~ develop and comply with either an employment plan or a  
 406.21 family stabilization services plan, whichever is appropriate.

406.22 (b) If one participant in a two-parent assistance unit is determined to be ineligible for a  
 406.23 hardship extension, the county shall give the assistance unit the option of disqualifying the  
 406.24 ineligible participant from MFIP. In that case, the assistance unit shall be treated as a  
 406.25 one-parent assistance unit.

406.26 (c) ~~Prior to denying an extension, the county must review the sanction status and~~  
 406.27 ~~determine whether the sanction is appropriate or if good cause exists under section 256J.57.~~  
 406.28 ~~If the sanction was inappropriately applied or the participant is granted a good cause~~  
 406.29 ~~exception before the end of month 60, the participant shall be considered for an extension.~~

406.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

407.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.425, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

407.2 Subd. 4. **Employed participants.** (a) An assistance unit subject to the time limit under  
 407.3 section 256J.42, subdivision 1, is eligible to receive assistance under a hardship extension  
 407.4 if the participant who reached the time limit belongs to:

407.5 (1) a one-parent assistance unit in which the participant is participating in work activities  
 407.6 for at least 30 hours per week, of which an average of at least 25 hours per week every  
 407.7 month are spent participating in employment;

157.10 ~~requirements of sections 256J.14 and 256J.54, if applicable, does not count towards the~~  
 157.11 ~~60-month limit on assistance.~~

157.12 (c) Any diversionary assistance or emergency assistance received prior to July 1, 2003,  
 157.13 does not count toward the 60-month limit.

157.14 (d) Any cash assistance received by an 18- or 19-year-old caregiver who is complying  
 157.15 with an employment plan that includes an education option under section 256J.54 does not  
 157.16 count toward the 60-month limit.

157.17 (e) Payments provided to meet short-term emergency needs under section 256J.626 and  
 157.18 ~~diversity work program benefits provided under section 256J.95~~ do not count toward  
 157.19 the 60-month time limit.

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

157.21 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.425, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

157.22 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** (a) To be eligible for a hardship extension, a participant in  
 157.23 an assistance unit subject to the time limit under section 256J.42, subdivision 1, must ~~be in~~  
 157.24 ~~compliance in the participant's 60th counted month. For purposes of determining eligibility~~  
 157.25 ~~for a hardship extension, a participant is in compliance in any month that the participant~~  
 157.26 ~~has not been sanctioned. In order to maintain eligibility for any of the hardship extension~~  
 157.27 ~~categories a participant shall~~ develop and comply with either an employment plan or a  
 157.28 family stabilization services plan, whichever is appropriate.

157.29 (b) If one participant in a two-parent assistance unit is determined to be ineligible for a  
 157.30 hardship extension, the county shall give the assistance unit the option of disqualifying the  
 157.31 ineligible participant from MFIP. In that case, the assistance unit shall be treated as a  
 157.32 one-parent assistance unit.

158.1 (c) ~~Prior to denying an extension, the county must review the sanction status and~~  
 158.2 ~~determine whether the sanction is appropriate or if good cause exists under section 256J.57.~~  
 158.3 ~~If the sanction was inappropriately applied or the participant is granted a good cause~~  
 158.4 ~~exception before the end of month 60, the participant shall be considered for an extension.~~

158.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

158.6 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.425, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

158.7 Subd. 4. **Employed participants.** (a) An assistance unit subject to the time limit under  
 158.8 section 256J.42, subdivision 1, is eligible to receive assistance under a hardship extension  
 158.9 if the participant who reached the time limit belongs to:

158.10 (1) a one-parent assistance unit in which the participant is participating in work activities  
 158.11 for at least 30 hours per week, of which an average of at least 25 hours per week every  
 158.12 month are spent participating in employment;

407.8 (2) a two-parent assistance unit in which the participants are participating in work  
 407.9 activities for at least 55 hours per week, of which an average of at least 45 hours per week  
 407.10 every month are spent participating in employment; or

407.11 (3) an assistance unit in which a participant is participating in employment for fewer  
 407.12 hours than those specified in clause (1), and the participant submits verification from a  
 407.13 qualified professional, in a form acceptable to the commissioner, stating that the number  
 407.14 of hours the participant may work is limited due to illness or disability, as long as the  
 407.15 participant is participating in employment for at least the number of hours specified by the  
 407.16 qualified professional. The participant must be following the treatment recommendations  
 407.17 of the qualified professional providing the verification. The commissioner shall develop a  
 407.18 form to be completed and signed by the qualified professional, documenting the diagnosis  
 407.19 and any additional information necessary to document the functional limitations of the  
 407.20 participant that limit work hours. If the participant is part of a two-parent assistance unit,  
 407.21 the other parent must be treated as a one-parent assistance unit for purposes of meeting the  
 407.22 work requirements under this subdivision.

407.23 (b) For purposes of this section, employment means:

407.24 (1) unsubsidized employment under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (1);  
 407.25 (2) subsidized employment under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (2);  
 407.26 (3) on-the-job training under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (2);  
 407.27 (4) an apprenticeship under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (1);  
 407.28 (5) supported work under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (2);  
 407.29 (6) a combination of clauses (1) to (5); or  
 407.30 (7) child care under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (7), if it is in combination  
 407.31 with paid employment.

408.1 (c) If a participant is complying with a child protection plan under chapter 260C, the  
 408.2 number of hours required under the child protection plan count toward the number of hours  
 408.3 required under this subdivision.

408.4 (d) The county shall provide the opportunity for subsidized employment to participants  
 408.5 needing that type of employment within available appropriations.

408.6 ~~(e) To be eligible for a hardship extension for employed participants under this  
 408.7 subdivision, a participant must be in compliance for at least ten out of the 12 months the  
 408.8 participant received MFIP immediately preceding the participant's 61st month on assistance.  
 408.9 If ten or fewer months of eligibility for TANF assistance remain at the time the participant  
 408.10 from another state applies for assistance, the participant must be in compliance every month.~~

408.11 ~~(f) (e) The employment plan developed under section 256J.521, subdivision 2, for  
 408.12 participants under this subdivision must contain at least the minimum number of hours~~

158.13 (2) a two-parent assistance unit in which the participants are participating in work  
 158.14 activities for at least 55 hours per week, of which an average of at least 45 hours per week  
 158.15 every month are spent participating in employment; or

158.16 (3) an assistance unit in which a participant is participating in employment for fewer  
 158.17 hours than those specified in clause (1), and the participant submits verification from a  
 158.18 qualified professional, in a form acceptable to the commissioner, stating that the number  
 158.19 of hours the participant may work is limited due to illness or disability, as long as the  
 158.20 participant is participating in employment for at least the number of hours specified by the  
 158.21 qualified professional. The participant must be following the treatment recommendations  
 158.22 of the qualified professional providing the verification. The commissioner shall develop a  
 158.23 form to be completed and signed by the qualified professional, documenting the diagnosis  
 158.24 and any additional information necessary to document the functional limitations of the  
 158.25 participant that limit work hours. If the participant is part of a two-parent assistance unit,  
 158.26 the other parent must be treated as a one-parent assistance unit for purposes of meeting the  
 158.27 work requirements under this subdivision.

158.28 (b) For purposes of this section, employment means:

158.29 (1) unsubsidized employment under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (1);  
 158.30 (2) subsidized employment under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (2);  
 158.31 (3) on-the-job training under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (2);  
 158.32 (4) an apprenticeship under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (1);  
 159.1 (5) supported work under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (2);  
 159.2 (6) a combination of clauses (1) to (5); or  
 159.3 (7) child care under section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (7), if it is in combination  
 159.4 with paid employment.

159.5 (c) If a participant is complying with a child protection plan under chapter 260C, the  
 159.6 number of hours required under the child protection plan count toward the number of hours  
 159.7 required under this subdivision.

159.8 (d) The county shall provide the opportunity for subsidized employment to participants  
 159.9 needing that type of employment within available appropriations.

159.10 ~~(e) To be eligible for a hardship extension for employed participants under this  
 159.11 subdivision, a participant must be in compliance for at least ten out of the 12 months the  
 159.12 participant received MFIP immediately preceding the participant's 61st month on assistance.  
 159.13 If ten or fewer months of eligibility for TANF assistance remain at the time the participant  
 159.14 from another state applies for assistance, the participant must be in compliance every month.~~

159.15 ~~(f) (e) The employment plan developed under section 256J.521, subdivision 2, for  
 159.16 participants under this subdivision must contain at least the minimum number of hours~~

408.13 specified in paragraph (a) for the purpose of meeting the requirements for an extension  
 408.14 under this subdivision. The job counselor and the participant must sign the employment  
 408.15 plan to indicate agreement between the job counselor and the participant on the contents of  
 408.16 the plan.

408.17 ~~(e) (f) Participants who fail to meet the requirements in paragraph (a), without eligibility  
 408.18 for another hardship extension or good cause under section 256J.57, shall be sanctioned  
 408.19 subject to sanction or permanently disqualified under subdivision 6. Good cause may only  
 408.20 be granted for that portion of the month for which the good cause reason applies case closure.~~  
 408.21 Participants must meet all remaining requirements in the approved employment plan or be  
 408.22 subject to sanction or permanent disqualification case closure.

408.23 ~~(e) (f) If the noncompliance with an employment plan is due to the involuntary loss of  
 408.24 employment, the participant is exempt from the hourly employment requirement under this  
 408.25 subdivision for one month. Participants must meet all remaining requirements in the approved  
 408.26 employment plan or be subject to sanction or permanent disqualification case closure if  
 408.27 ineligible for another hardship extension.~~

408.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

408.29 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.425, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

408.30 **Subd. 5. Accrual of certain exempt months.** (a) Participants who are not eligible for  
 408.31 assistance under a hardship extension under this section shall be eligible for a hardship  
 408.32 extension for a period of time equal to the number of months that were counted toward the  
 408.33 60-month time limit while the participant was a caregiver with a child or an adult in the  
 409.1 household who meets the disability or medical criteria for home care services under section  
 409.2 256B.0651, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), or a home and community-based waiver services  
 409.3 program under chapter 256B, or meets the criteria for severe emotional disturbance under  
 409.4 section 245.4871, subdivision 6, or for serious and persistent mental illness under section  
 409.5 245.462, subdivision 20, paragraph (c), and who was subject to the requirements in section  
 409.6 256J.561, subdivision 2.

409.7 (b) A participant who received MFIP assistance that counted toward the 60-month time  
 409.8 limit while the participant met the state time limit exemption criteria under section 256J.42,  
 409.9 subdivision 4 or 5, is eligible for assistance under a hardship extension for a period of time  
 409.10 equal to the number of months that were counted toward the 60-month time limit while the  
 409.11 participant met the state time limit exemption criteria under section 256J.42, subdivision 4  
 409.12 or 5.

409.13 (c) After the accrued months have been exhausted, the county agency must determine  
 409.14 if the assistance unit is eligible for an extension under another extension category in  
 409.15 subdivision 2, 3, or 4.

409.16 (d) At the time of the case review, a county agency must explain to the participant the  
 409.17 basis for receiving a hardship extension based on the accrual of exempt months. The  
 409.18 participant must provide documentation necessary to enable the county agency to determine

159.17 specified in paragraph (a) for the purpose of meeting the requirements for an extension  
 159.18 under this subdivision. The job counselor and the participant must sign the employment  
 159.19 plan to indicate agreement between the job counselor and the participant on the contents of  
 159.20 the plan.

159.21 ~~(e) (f) Participants who fail to meet the requirements in paragraph (a), without eligibility  
 159.22 for another hardship extension or good cause under section 256J.57, shall be sanctioned  
 159.23 subject to sanction or permanently disqualified under subdivision 6. Good cause may only  
 159.24 be granted for that portion of the month for which the good cause reason applies case closure.~~  
 159.25 Participants must meet all remaining requirements in the approved employment plan or be  
 159.26 subject to sanction or permanent disqualification case closure.

159.27 ~~(e) (f) If the noncompliance with an employment plan is due to the involuntary loss of  
 159.28 employment, the participant is exempt from the hourly employment requirement under this  
 159.29 subdivision for one month. Participants must meet all remaining requirements in the approved  
 159.30 employment plan or be subject to sanction or permanent disqualification case closure if  
 159.31 ineligible for another hardship extension.~~

159.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

160.1 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.425, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

160.2 **Subd. 5. Accrual of certain exempt months.** (a) Participants who are not eligible for  
 160.3 assistance under a hardship extension under this section shall be eligible for a hardship  
 160.4 extension for a period of time equal to the number of months that were counted toward the  
 160.5 60-month time limit while the participant was a caregiver with a child or an adult in the  
 160.6 household who meets the disability or medical criteria for home care services under section  
 160.7 256B.0651, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), or a home and community-based waiver services  
 160.8 program under chapter 256B, or meets the criteria for severe emotional disturbance under  
 160.9 section 245.4871, subdivision 6, or for serious and persistent mental illness under section  
 160.10 245.462, subdivision 20, paragraph (c), and who was subject to the requirements in section  
 160.11 256J.561, subdivision 2.

160.12 (b) A participant who received MFIP assistance that counted toward the 60-month time  
 160.13 limit while the participant met the state time limit exemption criteria under section 256J.42,  
 160.14 subdivision 4 or 5, is eligible for assistance under a hardship extension for a period of time  
 160.15 equal to the number of months that were counted toward the 60-month time limit while the  
 160.16 participant met the state time limit exemption criteria under section 256J.42, subdivision 4  
 160.17 or 5.

160.18 (c) After the accrued months have been exhausted, the county agency must determine  
 160.19 if the assistance unit is eligible for an extension under another extension category in  
 160.20 subdivision 2, 3, or 4.

160.21 (d) At the time of the case review, a county agency must explain to the participant the  
 160.22 basis for receiving a hardship extension based on the accrual of exempt months. The  
 160.23 participant must provide documentation necessary to enable the county agency to determine

409.19 whether the participant is eligible to receive a hardship extension based on the accrual of  
 409.20 exempt months or authorize a county agency to verify the information.

409.21 (e) While receiving extended MFIP assistance under this subdivision, a participant is  
 409.22 subject to the MFIP policies that apply to participants during the first 60 months of MFIP,  
 409.23 unless the participant is a member of a two-parent family in which one parent is extended  
 409.24 under subdivision 3 or 4. For two-parent families in which one parent is extended under  
 409.25 subdivision 3 or 4, the sanction provisions in subdivision 6 shall apply.

409.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

409.27 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.425, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

409.28 **Subd. 7. Status of disqualified participants closed cases.** (a) An assistance unit that  
 409.29 is disqualified has its case closed under subdivision 6, paragraph (a), section 256J.46 may  
 409.30 be approved for MFIP if the participant complies with MFIP program requirements and  
 409.31 demonstrates compliance for up to one month. No assistance shall be paid during this period.

409.32 (b) An assistance unit that is disqualified has its case closed under subdivision 6,  
 409.33 paragraph (a), section 256J.46 and that reapplies under paragraph (a) is subject to sanction  
 410.1 under section 256J.46, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (1), for a first occurrence of  
 410.2 noncompliance. A subsequent occurrence of noncompliance results in a permanent  
 410.3 disqualification.

410.4 (e) If one participant in a two-parent assistance unit receiving assistance under a hardship  
 410.5 extension under subdivision 3 or 4 is determined to be out of compliance with the  
 410.6 employment and training services requirements under sections 256J.521 to 256J.57, the  
 410.7 county shall give the assistance unit the option of disqualifying the noncompliant participant  
 410.8 from MFIP. In that case, the assistance unit shall be treated as a one-parent assistance unit  
 410.9 for the purposes of meeting the work requirements under subdivision 4. An applicant who  
 410.10 is disqualified from receiving assistance under this paragraph may reapply under paragraph  
 410.11 (a). If a participant is disqualified from MFIP under this subdivision a second time, the  
 410.12 participant is permanently disqualified from MFIP.

410.13 (d) (c) Prior to a disqualification case closure under this subdivision, a county agency  
 410.14 must review the participant's case to determine if the employment plan is still appropriate  
 410.15 and attempt to meet with the participant face-to-face. If a face-to-face meeting is not  
 410.16 conducted, the county agency must send the participant a notice of adverse action as provided  
 410.17 in section 256J.31. During the face-to-face meeting, the county agency must:

410.18 (1) determine whether the continued noncompliance can be explained and mitigated by  
 410.19 providing a needed preemployment activity, as defined in section 256J.49, subdivision 13,  
 410.20 clause (9);

410.21 (2) determine whether the participant qualifies for a good cause exception under section  
 410.22 256J.57;

160.24 whether the participant is eligible to receive a hardship extension based on the accrual of  
 160.25 exempt months or authorize a county agency to verify the information.

160.26 (e) While receiving extended MFIP assistance under this subdivision, a participant is  
 160.27 subject to the MFIP policies that apply to participants during the first 60 months of MFIP,  
 160.28 unless the participant is a member of a two-parent family in which one parent is extended  
 160.29 under subdivision 3 or 4. For two-parent families in which one parent is extended under  
 160.30 subdivision 3 or 4, the sanction provisions in subdivision 6 shall apply.

160.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

161.1 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.425, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

161.2 **Subd. 7. Status of disqualified participants closed cases.** (a) An assistance unit that  
 161.3 is disqualified has its case closed under subdivision 6, paragraph (a), section 256J.46 may  
 161.4 be approved for MFIP if the participant complies with MFIP program requirements and  
 161.5 demonstrates compliance for up to one month. No assistance shall be paid during this period.

161.6 (b) An assistance unit that is disqualified has its case closed under subdivision 6,  
 161.7 paragraph (a), section 256J.46 and that reapplies under paragraph (a) is subject to sanction  
 161.8 under section 256J.46, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clause (1), for a first occurrence of  
 161.9 noncompliance. A subsequent occurrence of noncompliance results in a permanent  
 161.10 disqualification.

161.11 (e) If one participant in a two-parent assistance unit receiving assistance under a hardship  
 161.12 extension under subdivision 3 or 4 is determined to be out of compliance with the  
 161.13 employment and training services requirements under sections 256J.521 to 256J.57, the  
 161.14 county shall give the assistance unit the option of disqualifying the noncompliant participant  
 161.15 from MFIP. In that case, the assistance unit shall be treated as a one-parent assistance unit  
 161.16 for the purposes of meeting the work requirements under subdivision 4. An applicant who  
 161.17 is disqualified from receiving assistance under this paragraph may reapply under paragraph  
 161.18 (a). If a participant is disqualified from MFIP under this subdivision a second time, the  
 161.19 participant is permanently disqualified from MFIP.

161.20 (d) (c) Prior to a disqualification case closure under this subdivision, a county agency  
 161.21 must review the participant's case to determine if the employment plan is still appropriate  
 161.22 and attempt to meet with the participant face-to-face. If a face-to-face meeting is not  
 161.23 conducted, the county agency must send the participant a notice of adverse action as provided  
 161.24 in section 256J.31. During the face-to-face meeting, the county agency must:

161.25 (1) determine whether the continued noncompliance can be explained and mitigated by  
 161.26 providing a needed preemployment activity, as defined in section 256J.49, subdivision 13,  
 161.27 clause (9);

161.28 (2) determine whether the participant qualifies for a good cause exception under section  
 161.29 256J.57;

410.23 (3) inform the participant of the family violence waiver criteria and make appropriate  
 410.24 referrals if the waiver is requested;  
 410.25 (4) inform the participant of the participant's sanction status and explain the consequences  
 410.26 of continuing noncompliance;  
 410.27 (5) identify other resources that may be available to the participant to meet the needs of  
 410.28 the family; and  
 410.29 (6) inform the participant of the right to appeal under section 256J.40.

410.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

411.1 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.46, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

411.2 **Subdivision 1. Participants not complying with program requirements.** (a) A  
 411.3 participant who fails without good cause under section 256J.57 to comply with the  
 411.4 requirements of this chapter for orientation under section 256J.45, or employment and  
 411.5 training services under sections 256J.515 to 256J.57, and who is not subject to a sanction  
 411.6 under subdivision 2, shall be subject to a sanction or case closure as provided in this  
 411.7 subdivision section. Good cause may only be granted for the month for which the good  
 411.8 cause reason applies. Prior to the imposition of a sanction, a county agency shall provide a  
 411.9 notice of intent to sanction under section 256J.57, subdivision 2, and, when applicable, a  
 411.10 notice of adverse action as provided in section 256J.31, subdivision 5.

411.11 (b) A sanction under this subdivision becomes effective the month following the month  
 411.12 in which a required notice is given. A sanction must not be imposed when a participant  
 411.13 comes into compliance with the requirements for orientation under section 256J.45 prior to  
 411.14 the effective date of the sanction. A sanction must not be imposed when a participant comes  
 411.15 into compliance with the requirements for employment and training services under sections  
 411.16 256J.515 to 256J.57 ten days prior to the effective date of the sanction. For purposes of this  
 411.17 subdivision, each month that a participant fails to comply with a requirement of this chapter  
 411.18 shall be considered a separate occurrence of noncompliance. If both participants in a  
 411.19 two-parent assistance unit are out of compliance at the same time, it is considered one  
 411.20 occurrence of noncompliance.

411.21 (c) Sanctions for noncompliance shall be imposed as follows:

411.22 (1) For the first occurrence of noncompliance by a participant in an assistance unit, the  
 411.23 assistance unit's grant shall be reduced by ten percent of the MFIP standard of need for an  
 411.24 assistance unit of the same size with the residual grant paid to the participant. The reduction  
 411.25 in the grant amount must be in effect for a minimum of one month and shall be removed in  
 411.26 the month following the month that the participant returns to compliance.

411.27 (2) for a the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth consecutive occurrence of  
 411.28 noncompliance by a participant in an assistance unit, the assistance unit's shelter costs shall  
 411.29 be vendor paid up to the amount of the cash portion of the MFIP grant for which the  
 411.30 assistance unit is eligible. At county option, the assistance unit's utilities may also be vendor

161.30 (3) inform the participant of the family violence waiver criteria and make appropriate  
 161.31 referrals if the waiver is requested;  
 161.32 (4) inform the participant of the participant's sanction status and explain the consequences  
 161.33 of continuing noncompliance;  
 162.1 (5) identify other resources that may be available to the participant to meet the needs of  
 162.2 the family; and  
 162.3 (6) inform the participant of the right to appeal under section 256J.40.

162.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

162.5 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.46, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

162.6 **Subdivision 1. Participants not complying with program requirements.** (a) A  
 162.7 participant who fails without good cause under section 256J.57 to comply with the  
 162.8 requirements of this chapter for orientation under section 256J.45, or employment and  
 162.9 training services under sections 256J.515 to 256J.57, and who is not subject to a sanction  
 162.10 under subdivision 2, shall be subject to a sanction or case closure as provided in this  
 162.11 subdivision section. Good cause may only be granted for the month for which the good  
 162.12 cause reason applies. Prior to the imposition of a sanction, a county agency shall provide a  
 162.13 notice of intent to sanction under section 256J.57, subdivision 2, and, when applicable, a  
 162.14 notice of adverse action as provided in section 256J.31, subdivision 5.

162.15 (b) A sanction under this subdivision becomes effective the month following the month  
 162.16 in which a required notice is given. A sanction must not be imposed when a participant  
 162.17 comes into compliance with the requirements for orientation under section 256J.45 prior to  
 162.18 the effective date of the sanction. A sanction must not be imposed when a participant comes  
 162.19 into compliance with the requirements for employment and training services under sections  
 162.20 256J.515 to 256J.57 ten days prior to the effective date of the sanction. For purposes of this  
 162.21 subdivision, each month that a participant fails to comply with a requirement of this chapter  
 162.22 shall be considered a separate occurrence of noncompliance. If both participants in a  
 162.23 two-parent assistance unit are out of compliance at the same time, it is considered one  
 162.24 occurrence of noncompliance.

162.25 (c) Sanctions for noncompliance shall be imposed as follows:

162.26 (1) For the first occurrence of noncompliance by a participant in an assistance unit, the  
 162.27 assistance unit's grant shall be reduced by ten percent of the MFIP standard of need for an  
 162.28 assistance unit of the same size with the residual grant paid to the participant. The reduction  
 162.29 in the grant amount must be in effect for a minimum of one month and shall be removed in  
 162.30 the month following the month that the participant returns to compliance.

162.31 (2) for a the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth consecutive occurrence of  
 162.32 noncompliance by a participant in an assistance unit, the assistance unit's shelter costs shall  
 162.33 be vendor paid up to the amount of the cash portion of the MFIP grant for which the  
 163.1 assistance unit is eligible. At county option, the assistance unit's utilities may also be vendor

411.31 ~~paid up to the amount of the cash portion of the MFIP grant remaining after vendor payment of the assistance unit's shelter costs. The residual amount of the grant after vendor payment, if any, must be reduced by an amount are equal to 30 a reduction of five percent of the cash portion of the MFIP standard of need for an grant received by the assistance unit of the same size before the residual grant is paid to the assistance unit. The reduction in the grant amount must be in effect for a minimum of one month and shall be removed in the month following the month that the participant in a one-parent assistance unit returns to compliance, unless the requirements in paragraph (h) are met. In a two-parent assistance unit, the grant reduction must be in effect for a minimum of one month and shall be removed in the month following the month both participants return to compliance, unless the requirements in paragraph (h) are met. The vendor payment of shelter costs and, if applicable, utilities shall be removed six months after the month in which the participant or participants return to compliance. When an assistance unit comes into compliance with the requirements in section 256.741, or shows good cause under section 256.741, subdivision 10, or 256J.57, the sanction occurrences for that assistance unit shall be equal to zero sanctions. If an assistance unit is sanctioned under this clause, the participant's case file must be reviewed to determine if the employment plan is still appropriate.~~

412.14 (d) For a seventh consecutive occurrence of noncompliance by a participant in an assistance unit, ~~or when the participants in a two parent assistance unit have a total of seven occurrences of noncompliance~~, the county agency shall close the MFIP assistance unit's financial assistance case, ~~both~~ including the cash and food portions, and redetermine the family's continued eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payments. The MFIP case must remain closed for a minimum of one full month. Before the case is closed, the county agency must review the participant's case to determine if the employment plan is still appropriate and attempt to meet with the participant face-to-face. The participant may bring an advocate to the face-to-face meeting. If a face-to-face meeting is not conducted, the county agency must send the participant a written notice that includes the information required under clause (1).

412.25 (1) During the face-to-face meeting, the county agency must:

412.26 (i) determine whether the continued noncompliance can be explained and mitigated by providing a needed preemployment activity, as defined in section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (9);

412.29 (ii) determine whether the participant qualifies for a good cause exception under section 256J.57, or if the sanction is for noncooperation with child support requirements, determine if the participant qualifies for a good cause exemption under section 256.741, subdivision 10;

412.33 (iii) determine whether the work activities in the employment plan are appropriate based on the criteria in section 256J.521, subdivision 2 or 3;

413.1 (iv) determine whether the participant qualifies for the family violence waiver;

163.2 ~~paid up to the amount of the cash portion of the MFIP grant remaining after vendor payment of the assistance unit's shelter costs. The residual amount of the grant after vendor payment, if any, must be reduced by an amount are equal to 30 a reduction of five percent of the cash portion of the MFIP standard of need for an grant received by the assistance unit of the same size before the residual grant is paid to the assistance unit. The reduction in the grant amount must be in effect for a minimum of one month and shall be removed in the month following the month that the participant in a one-parent assistance unit returns to compliance, unless the requirements in paragraph (h) are met. In a two-parent assistance unit, the grant reduction must be in effect for a minimum of one month and shall be removed in the month following the month both participants return to compliance, unless the requirements in paragraph (h) are met. The vendor payment of shelter costs and, if applicable, utilities shall be removed six months after the month in which the participant or participants return to compliance. When an assistance unit comes into compliance with the requirements in section 256.741, or shows good cause under section 256.741, subdivision 10, or 256J.57, the sanction occurrences for that assistance unit shall be equal to zero sanctions. If an assistance unit is sanctioned under this clause, the participant's case file must be reviewed to determine if the employment plan is still appropriate.~~

163.19 (d) For a seventh consecutive occurrence of noncompliance by a participant in an assistance unit, ~~or when the participants in a two parent assistance unit have a total of seven occurrences of noncompliance~~, the county agency shall close the MFIP assistance unit's financial assistance case, ~~both~~ including the cash and food portions, and redetermine the family's continued eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payments. The MFIP case must remain closed for a minimum of one full month. Before the case is closed, the county agency must review the participant's case to determine if the employment plan is still appropriate and attempt to meet with the participant face-to-face. The participant may bring an advocate to the face-to-face meeting. If a face-to-face meeting is not conducted, the county agency must send the participant a written notice that includes the information required under clause (1).

163.30 (1) During the face-to-face meeting, the county agency must:

163.31 (i) determine whether the continued noncompliance can be explained and mitigated by providing a needed preemployment activity, as defined in section 256J.49, subdivision 13, clause (9);

163.34 (ii) determine whether the participant qualifies for a good cause exception under section 256J.57, or if the sanction is for noncooperation with child support requirements, determine if the participant qualifies for a good cause exemption under section 256.741, subdivision 10;

164.3 (iii) determine whether the work activities in the employment plan are appropriate based on the criteria in section 256J.521, subdivision 2 or 3;

164.5 (iv) determine whether the participant qualifies for the family violence waiver;

413.2 (v) inform the participant of the participant's sanction status and explain the consequences  
 413.3 of continuing noncompliance;

413.4 (vi) identify other resources that may be available to the participant to meet the needs  
 413.5 of the family; and

413.6 (vii) inform the participant of the right to appeal under section 256J.40.

413.7 (2) If the lack of an identified activity or service can explain the noncompliance, the  
 413.8 county must work with the participant to provide the identified activity.

413.9 (3) The grant must be restored to the full amount for which the assistance unit is eligible  
 413.10 retroactively to the first day of the month in which the participant was found to lack  
 413.11 preemployment activities or to qualify for a family violence waiver or for a good cause  
 413.12 exemption under section 256.741, subdivision 10, or 256J.57.

413.13 (e) For the purpose of applying sanctions under this section, only consecutive occurrences  
 413.14 of noncompliance that occur after July 1, 2003 on or after May 1, 2026, shall be considered  
 413.15 when counting the number of sanction occurrences under this subdivision. Active cases  
 413.16 under sanction on May 1, 2026, shall be considered to have one sanction occurrence. If the  
 413.17 participant is in 30 percent sanction in the month this section takes effect, that month counts  
 413.18 as the first occurrence for purposes of applying the sanctions under this section, but the  
 413.19 sanction shall remain at 30 percent for that month comes into compliance, the assistance  
 413.20 unit is considered to have zero sanctions.

413.21 (f) An assistance unit whose case is closed under paragraph (d) or (g), may reapply for  
 413.22 MFIP using a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall be eligible if the participant  
 413.23 complies with MFIP program requirements and demonstrates compliance for up to one  
 413.24 month. No assistance shall be paid during this period. The county agency shall not start a  
 413.25 new certification period for a participant who has submitted the reapplication form within  
 413.26 30 calendar days of case closure. The county agency must process the form according to  
 413.27 section 256P.04, except that the county agency shall not require additional verification of  
 413.28 information in the case file unless the information is inaccurate, questionable, or no longer  
 413.29 current. If a participant does not reapply for MFIP within 30 calendar days of case closure,  
 413.30 a new application must be completed.

413.31 (g) An assistance unit whose case has been closed for noncompliance, that reapplies  
 413.32 under paragraph (f), is subject to sanction under paragraph (c), clause (2), for a first  
 414.1 occurrence of noncompliance. Any subsequent occurrence of noncompliance shall result  
 414.2 in and case closure under paragraph (d).

414.3 (h) If an assistance unit is in compliance by the 15th of the month in which the assistance  
 414.4 unit has a sanction imposed, the reduction to the assistance unit's cash grant shall be restored  
 414.5 retroactively for the current month and the sanction occurrences shall be equal to zero.

414.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

164.6 (v) inform the participant of the participant's sanction status and explain the consequences  
 164.7 of continuing noncompliance;

164.8 (vi) identify other resources that may be available to the participant to meet the needs  
 164.9 of the family; and

164.10 (vii) inform the participant of the right to appeal under section 256J.40.

164.11 (2) If the lack of an identified activity or service can explain the noncompliance, the  
 164.12 county must work with the participant to provide the identified activity.

164.13 (3) The grant must be restored to the full amount for which the assistance unit is eligible  
 164.14 retroactively to the first day of the month in which the participant was found to lack  
 164.15 preemployment activities or to qualify for a family violence waiver or for a good cause  
 164.16 exemption under section 256.741, subdivision 10, or 256J.57.

164.17 (e) For the purpose of applying sanctions under this section, only consecutive occurrences  
 164.18 of noncompliance that occur after July 1, 2003 on or after May 1, 2026, shall be considered  
 164.19 when counting the number of sanction occurrences under this subdivision. Active cases  
 164.20 under sanction on May 1, 2026, shall be considered to have one sanction occurrence. If the  
 164.21 participant is in 30 percent sanction in the month this section takes effect, that month counts  
 164.22 as the first occurrence for purposes of applying the sanctions under this section, but the  
 164.23 sanction shall remain at 30 percent for that month comes into compliance, the assistance  
 164.24 unit is considered to have zero sanctions.

164.25 (f) An assistance unit whose case is closed under paragraph (d) or (g), may reapply for  
 164.26 MFIP using a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall be eligible if the participant  
 164.27 complies with MFIP program requirements and demonstrates compliance for up to one  
 164.28 month. No assistance shall be paid during this period. The county agency shall not start a  
 164.29 new certification period for a participant who has submitted the reapplication form within  
 164.30 30 calendar days of case closure. The county agency must process the form according to  
 164.31 section 256P.04, except that the county agency shall not require additional verification of  
 164.32 information in the case file unless the information is inaccurate, questionable, or no longer  
 165.1 current. When a participant does not reapply for MFIP within 30 calendar days of case  
 165.2 closure, a new application must be completed.

165.3 (g) An assistance unit whose case has been closed for noncompliance, that reapplies  
 165.4 under paragraph (f), is subject to sanction under paragraph (c), clause (2), for a first  
 165.5 occurrence of noncompliance. Any subsequent occurrence of noncompliance shall result  
 165.6 in and case closure under paragraph (d).

165.7 (h) If an assistance unit is in compliance by the 15th of the month in which the assistance  
 165.8 unit has a sanction imposed, the reduction to the assistance unit's cash grant shall be restored  
 165.9 retroactively for the current month and the sanction occurrences shall be equal to zero.

165.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

414.7 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.46, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

414.8 **Subd. 2. Sanctions for refusal to cooperate with support requirements.** The grant of  
 414.9 an MFIP caregiver who refuses to cooperate, as determined by the child support enforcement  
 414.10 agency, with support requirements under section 256.741, shall be subject to sanction as  
 414.11 specified in this subdivision and subdivision 1. ~~For a first occurrence of noncooperation,  
 414.12 the assistance unit's grant must be reduced by 30 percent of the applicable MFIP standard  
 414.13 of need. Subsequent occurrences of noncooperation shall be subject to sanction under  
 414.14 subdivision 1, paragraphs (e), clause (2), and (d), paragraphs (b) to (h), except the assistance  
 414.15 unit's cash portion of the grant must be reduced by 25 percent of the MFIP cash received  
 414.16 by the assistance unit. The residual amount of the grant, if any, must be paid to the caregiver.~~  
 414.17 A sanction under this subdivision becomes effective the first month following the month  
 414.18 in which a required notice is given. A sanction must not be imposed when a caregiver comes  
 414.19 into compliance with the requirements under section 256.741 prior to the effective date of  
 414.20 the sanction. The sanction shall be removed in the month following the month that the  
 414.21 caregiver cooperates with the support requirements, unless the requirements in subdivision  
 414.22 1, paragraph (h), are met. Each month that an MFIP caregiver fails to comply with the  
 414.23 requirements of section 256.741 must be considered a separate occurrence of noncompliance  
 414.24 for the purpose of applying sanctions under subdivision 1, paragraphs (c), clause (2), and  
 414.25 (d).

414.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

414.27 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.46, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

414.28 **Subd. 2a. Dual sanctions.** (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2,  
 414.29 for a participant subject to a sanction for refusal to comply with child support requirements  
 414.30 under subdivision 2 and subject to a concurrent sanction for refusal to cooperate with other  
 414.31 program requirements under subdivision 1, sanctions shall be imposed in the manner  
 414.32 prescribed in this subdivision.

415.1 ~~Any vendor payment of shelter costs or utilities under this subdivision must remain in  
 415.2 effect for six months after the month in which the participant is no longer subject to sanction  
 415.3 under subdivision 1.~~

415.4 **(b) If the participant was subject to sanction for:**

415.5 ~~(1) noncompliance under subdivision 1 before being subject to sanction for  
 415.6 noncooperation under subdivision 2; or~~

415.7 ~~(2) noncooperation under subdivision 2 before being subject to sanction for  
 415.8 noncompliance under subdivision 1, the participant is considered to have a second occurrence  
 415.9 of noncompliance and shall be sanctioned as provided in subdivision 1, paragraph (e), clause  
 415.10 (2). Each subsequent occurrence of noncompliance shall be considered one additional  
 415.11 occurrence and shall be subject to the applicable level of sanction under subdivision 1. The~~

165.11 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.46, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

165.12 **Subd. 2. Sanctions for refusal to cooperate with support requirements.** The grant of  
 165.13 an MFIP caregiver who refuses to cooperate, as determined by the child support enforcement  
 165.14 agency, with support requirements under section 256.741, shall be subject to sanction as  
 165.15 specified in this subdivision and subdivision 1. ~~For a first occurrence of noncooperation,  
 165.16 the assistance unit's grant must be reduced by 30 percent of the applicable MFIP standard  
 165.17 of need. Subsequent occurrences of noncooperation shall be subject to sanction under  
 165.18 subdivision 1, paragraphs (e), clause (2), and (d), paragraphs (b) to (h), except the assistance  
 165.19 unit's cash portion of the grant must be reduced by 25 percent of the MFIP cash received  
 165.20 by the assistance unit. The residual amount of the grant, if any, must be paid to the caregiver.~~  
 165.21 A sanction under this subdivision becomes effective the first month following the month  
 165.22 in which a required notice is given. A sanction must not be imposed when a caregiver comes  
 165.23 into compliance with the requirements under section 256.741 prior to the effective date of  
 165.24 the sanction. The sanction shall be removed in the month following the month that the  
 165.25 caregiver cooperates with the support requirements, unless the requirements in subdivision  
 165.26 1, paragraph (h), are met. Each month that an MFIP caregiver fails to comply with the  
 165.27 requirements of section 256.741 must be considered a separate occurrence of noncompliance  
 165.28 for the purpose of applying sanctions under subdivision 1, paragraphs (c), clause (2), and  
 165.29 (d).

165.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

166.1 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.46, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

166.2 **Subd. 2a. Dual sanctions.** (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2,  
 166.3 for a participant subject to a sanction for refusal to comply with child support requirements  
 166.4 under subdivision 2 and subject to a concurrent sanction for refusal to cooperate with other  
 166.5 program requirements under subdivision 1, sanctions shall be imposed in the manner  
 166.6 prescribed in this subdivision.

166.7 ~~Any vendor payment of shelter costs or utilities under this subdivision must remain in  
 166.8 effect for six months after the month in which the participant is no longer subject to sanction  
 166.9 under subdivision 1.~~

166.10 **(b) If the participant was subject to sanction for:**

166.11 ~~(1) noncompliance under subdivision 1 before being subject to sanction for  
 166.12 noncooperation under subdivision 2; or~~

166.13 ~~(2) noncooperation under subdivision 2 before being subject to sanction for  
 166.14 noncompliance under subdivision 1, the participant is considered to have a second occurrence  
 166.15 of noncompliance and shall be sanctioned as provided in subdivision 1, paragraph (e), clause  
 166.16 (2). Each subsequent occurrence of noncompliance shall be considered one additional  
 166.17 occurrence and shall be subject to the applicable level of sanction under subdivision 1. The~~

415.12 requirement that the county conduct a review as specified in subdivision 1, paragraph (d),  
 415.13 remains in effect.

415.14 (e) (b) A participant who ~~first~~ becomes subject to sanction under both subdivisions 1  
 415.15 and 2 in the same month is subject to sanction as follows:

415.16 (1) in the first month of noncompliance and noncooperation, the participant's cash portion  
 415.17 of the grant must be reduced by 30 25 percent of the applicable MFIP standard of need cash  
 415.18 received by the assistance unit, with any residual amount paid to the participant;

415.19 (2) in the second and subsequent months of noncompliance and noncooperation, the  
 415.20 participant shall be subject to the applicable level of sanction under subdivision 4 2.

415.21 The requirement that the county conduct a review as specified in subdivision 1, paragraph  
 415.22 (d), remains in effect.

415.23 (e) (c) A participant remains subject to sanction under subdivision 2 if the participant:

415.24 (1) returns to compliance and is no longer subject to sanction for noncompliance with  
 415.25 section 256J.45 or sections 256J.515 to 256J.57; or

415.26 (2) has the sanction for noncompliance with section 256J.45 or sections 256J.515 to  
 415.27 256J.57 removed upon completion of the review under subdivision 1, paragraph (e) (d).

415.28 A participant remains subject to the applicable level of sanction under subdivision 1 if  
 415.29 the participant cooperates and is no longer subject to sanction under subdivision 2.

415.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

166.18 requirement that the county conduct a review as specified in subdivision 1, paragraph (d),  
 166.19 remains in effect.

166.20 (e) (b) A participant who ~~first~~ becomes subject to sanction under both subdivisions 1  
 166.21 and 2 in the same month is subject to sanction as follows:

166.22 (1) in the first month of noncompliance and noncooperation, the participant's cash portion  
 166.23 of the grant must be reduced by 30 25 percent of the applicable MFIP standard of need cash  
 166.24 received by the assistance unit, with any residual amount paid to the participant;

166.25 (2) in the second and subsequent months of noncompliance and noncooperation, the  
 166.26 participant shall be subject to the applicable level of sanction under subdivision 4 2.

166.27 The requirement that the county conduct a review as specified in subdivision 1, paragraph  
 166.28 (d), remains in effect.

166.29 (e) (c) A participant remains subject to sanction under subdivision 2 if the participant:

166.30 (1) returns to compliance and is no longer subject to sanction for noncompliance with  
 166.31 section 256J.45 or sections 256J.515 to 256J.57; or

167.1 (2) has the sanction for noncompliance with section 256J.45 or sections 256J.515 to  
 167.2 256J.57 removed upon completion of the review under subdivision 1, paragraph (e) (d).

167.3 A participant remains subject to the applicable level of sanction under subdivision 1 if  
 167.4 the participant cooperates and is no longer subject to sanction under subdivision 2.

167.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2026.

167.6 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.49, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

167.7 Subd. 9. **Participant.** "Participant" means a recipient of MFIP assistance who participates  
 167.8 or is required to participate in employment and training services under sections 256J.515  
 167.9 to 256J.57 and 256J.95.

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

167.11 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.50, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

167.12 Subdivision 1. **Employment and training services component of MFIP.** (a) Each  
 167.13 county must develop and provide an employment and training services component which  
 167.14 is designed to put participants on the most direct path to unsubsidized employment.  
 167.15 Participation in these services is mandatory for all MFIP caregivers.

167.16 (b) A county must provide employment and training services under sections 256J.515  
 167.17 to 256J.74 within 30 days after the caregiver is determined eligible for MFIP, or within ten  
 167.18 days when the caregiver participated in the diversionary work program under section 256J.95  
 167.19 within the past 12 months.

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

167.21 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.521, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

167.22 Subdivision 1. **Assessments.** (a) For purposes of MFIP employment services, assessment  
167.23 is a continuing process of gathering information related to employability for the purpose of  
167.24 identifying both participant's strengths and strategies for coping with issues that interfere  
167.25 with employment. The job counselor must use information from the assessment process to  
167.26 develop and update the employment plan under subdivision 2 or 3, as appropriate, to  
167.27 determine whether the participant qualifies for a family violence waiver including an  
167.28 employment plan under subdivision 3, and to determine whether the participant should be  
167.29 referred to family stabilization services under section 256J.575.

167.30 (b) The scope of assessment must cover at least the following areas:

168.1 (1) basic information about the participant's ability to obtain and retain employment,  
168.2 including: a review of the participant's education level; interests, skills, and abilities; prior  
168.3 employment or work experience; transferable work skills; child care and transportation  
168.4 needs;

168.5 (2) identification of personal and family circumstances that impact the participant's  
168.6 ability to obtain and retain employment, including: any special needs of the children, the  
168.7 level of English proficiency, family violence issues, and any involvement with social services  
168.8 or the legal system;

168.9 (3) the results of a mental and chemical health screening tool designed by the  
168.10 commissioner and results of the brief screening tool for special learning needs. Screening  
168.11 tools for mental and chemical health and special learning needs must be approved by the  
168.12 commissioner and may only be administered by job counselors or county staff trained in  
168.13 using such screening tools. Participants must be told of the purpose of the screens and how  
168.14 the information will be used to assist the participant in identifying and overcoming barriers  
168.15 to employment. Screening for mental and chemical health and special learning needs must  
168.16 be completed by participants three months after development of the initial employment plan  
168.17 or earlier if there is a documented need. Failure to complete the screens will result in sanction  
168.18 under section 256J.46; and

168.19 (4) a comprehensive review of participation and progress for participants who have  
168.20 received MFIP assistance and have not worked in unsubsidized employment during the past  
168.21 12 months. The purpose of the review is to determine the need for additional services and  
168.22 supports, including placement in subsidized employment or unpaid work experience under  
168.23 section 256J.49, subdivision 13, or referral to family stabilization services under section  
168.24 256J.575.

168.25 (e) Information gathered during a caregiver's participation in the diversionary work  
168.26 program under section 256J.95 must be incorporated into the assessment process.

168.27 ~~(d)~~ (c) The job counselor may require the participant to complete a professional chemical  
168.28 use assessment to be performed according to the rules adopted under section 254A.03,  
168.29 subdivision 3, including provisions in the administrative rules which recognize the cultural  
168.30 background of the participant, or a professional psychological assessment as a component  
168.31 of the assessment process, when the job counselor has a reasonable belief, based on objective  
168.32 evidence, that a participant's ability to obtain and retain suitable employment is impaired  
168.33 by a medical condition. The job counselor may assist the participant with arranging services,  
168.34 including child care assistance and transportation, necessary to meet needs identified by the  
169.1 assessment. Data gathered as part of a professional assessment must be classified and  
169.2 disclosed according to the provisions in section 13.46.

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

169.4 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.621, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

169.5 Subdivision 1. **Program characteristics.** (a) Within 30 days of exiting the Minnesota  
169.6 family investment program with earnings, the county must assess eligibility for work  
169.7 participation cash benefits of \$25 per month to assist in meeting the family's basic needs as  
169.8 the participant continues to move toward self-sufficiency. Payment begins effective the first  
169.9 of the month following exit or termination for MFIP and DWP participants.

169.10 (b) To be eligible for work participation cash benefits, the participant shall not receive  
169.11 MFIP or diversionary work program assistance during the month and the participant or  
169.12 participants must meet the following work requirements:

169.13 (1) if the participant is a single caregiver and has a child under six years of age, the  
169.14 participant must be employed at least 87 hours per month;

169.15 (2) if the participant is a single caregiver and does not have a child under six years of  
169.16 age, the participant must be employed at least 130 hours per month; or

169.17 (3) if the household is a two-parent family, at least one of the parents must be employed  
169.18 130 hours per month.

169.19 Whenever a participant exits the diversionary work program or is terminated from MFIP  
169.20 and meets the other criteria in this section, work participation cash benefits are available  
169.21 for up to 24 consecutive months.

169.22 (c) Expenditures on the program are maintenance of effort state funds under a separate  
169.23 state program for participants under paragraph (b), clauses (1) and (2). Expenditures for  
169.24 participants under paragraph (b), clause (3), are nonmaintenance of effort funds. Months in  
169.25 which a participant receives work participation cash benefits under this section do not count  
169.26 toward the participant's MFIP 60-month time limit.

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

169.28 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.626, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

169.29 Subd. 2. **Allowable expenditures.** (a) The commissioner must restrict expenditures  
169.30 under the consolidated fund to benefits and services allowed under title IV-A of the federal  
170.1 Social Security Act. Allowable expenditures under the consolidated fund may include, but  
170.2 are not limited to:

170.3 (1) short-term, nonrecurring shelter and utility needs that are excluded from the definition  
170.4 of assistance under Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section 260.31, for families who  
170.5 meet the residency requirement in section 256J.12, subdivisions 1 and 1a. Payments under  
170.6 this subdivision are not considered TANF cash assistance and are not counted towards the  
170.7 60-month time limit;

170.8 (2) transportation needed to obtain or retain employment or to participate in other  
170.9 approved work activities or activities under a family stabilization plan;

170.10 (3) direct and administrative costs of staff to deliver employment services for MFIP, the  
170.11 ~~diversionary work program~~, or family stabilization services; to administer financial assistance;  
170.12 and to provide specialized services intended to assist hard-to-employ participants to transition  
170.13 to work or transition from family stabilization services to MFIP;

170.14 (4) costs of education and training including functional work literacy and English as a  
170.15 second language;

170.16 (5) cost of work supports including tools, clothing, boots, telephone service, and other  
170.17 work-related expenses;

170.18 (6) county administrative expenses as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 45,  
170.19 section 260(b);

170.20 (7) services to parenting and pregnant teens;

170.21 (8) supported work;

170.22 (9) wage subsidies;

170.23 (10) child care needed for MFIP, the ~~diversionary work program~~, or family stabilization  
170.24 services participants to participate in social services;

170.25 (11) child care to ensure that families leaving MFIP or ~~diversionary work program~~ will  
170.26 continue to receive child care assistance from the time the family no longer qualifies for  
170.27 transition year child care until an opening occurs under the basic sliding fee child care  
170.28 program;

170.29 (12) services to help noncustodial parents who live in Minnesota and have minor children  
170.30 receiving MFIP or DWP assistance, but do not live in the same household as the child,  
170.31 obtain or retain employment; and

171.1        (13) services to help families participating in family stabilization services achieve the  
171.2        greatest possible degree of self-sufficiency.

171.3        (b) Administrative costs that are not matched with county funds as provided in subdivision  
171.4        8 may not exceed 7.5 percent of a county's or 15 percent of a tribe's allocation under this  
171.5        section. The commissioner shall define administrative costs for purposes of this subdivision.

171.6        (c) The commissioner may waive the cap on administrative costs for a county or tribe  
171.7        that elects to provide an approved supported employment, unpaid work, or community work  
171.8        experience program for a major segment of the county's or tribe's MFIP population. The  
171.9        county or tribe must apply for the waiver on forms provided by the commissioner. In no  
171.10        case shall total administrative costs exceed the TANF limits.

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

171.12        Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.626, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

171.13        Subd. 3. **Eligibility for services.** Families with a minor child, a pregnant woman, or a  
171.14        noncustodial parent of a minor child receiving assistance, with incomes below 200 percent  
171.15        of the federal poverty guideline for a family of the applicable size, are eligible for services  
171.16        funded under the consolidated fund. Counties and tribes must give priority to families  
171.17        currently receiving MFIP, the diversionary work program, or family stabilization services;  
171.18        and families at risk of receiving MFIP or diversionary work program. A county or tribe  
171.19        shall not impose a residency requirement on families, except for the residency requirement  
171.20        under section 256J.12.

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

171.22        Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.751, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

171.23        Subd. 2. **Quarterly comparison report.** (a) The commissioner shall report quarterly to  
171.24        all counties on each county's performance on the following measures:

171.25        (1) percent of MFIP caseload working in paid employment;  
171.26        (2) percent of MFIP caseload receiving only the food portion of assistance;  
171.27        (3) number of MFIP cases that have left assistance;  
171.28        (4) median placement wage rate;  
171.29        (5) caseload by months of TANF assistance;

172.1        (6) percent of MFIP and diversionary work program (DWP) cases off cash assistance  
172.2        or working 30 or more hours per week at one-year, two-year, and three-year follow-up  
172.3        points from a baseline quarter. This measure is called the self-support index. The  
172.4        commissioner shall report quarterly an expected range of performance for each county,  
172.5        county grouping, and tribe on the self-support index. The expected range shall be derived  
172.6        by a statistical methodology developed by the commissioner in consultation with the counties

416.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.95, subdivision 19, is amended to read:

416.2 Subd. 19. **DWP overpayments and underpayments.** DWP benefits are subject to  
 416.3 overpayments and underpayments. Anytime an overpayment or an underpayment is  
 416.4 determined for DWP, the correction shall be calculated using prospective budgeting.  
 416.5 Corrections shall be determined based on the policy in section 256J.34, subdivision 1,  
 416.6 paragraphs (a), (b), and (e) 256P.09, subdivisions 1 to 4. ATM errors must be recovered as  
 416.7 specified in section 256P.08, subdivision 7. Cross program recoupment of overpayments  
 416.8 cannot be assigned to or from DWP.

416.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

416.10 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 416.11 to read:

416.12 Subd. 5a. **Lived-experience engagement.** "Lived-experience engagement" means an  
 416.13 intentional engagement of people with lived experience by a federal, Tribal, state, county,  
 416.14 municipal, or nonprofit human services agency funded in part or in whole by federal, state,  
 416.15 local government, Tribal Nation, public, private, or philanthropic money to gather and share  
 416.16 feedback on the impact of human services programs.

172.7 and tribes. The statistical methodology shall control differences across counties in economic  
 172.8 conditions and demographics of the MFIP and DWP case load; and

172.9 (7) the TANF work participation rate, defined as the participation requirements specified  
 172.10 under Public Law 109-171, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

172.11 (b) The commissioner shall not apply the limits on vocational educational training and  
 172.12 education activities under Code of Federal Regulations, title 45, section 261.33(c), when  
 172.13 determining TANF work participation rates for individual counties under this subdivision.

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

UES2995-2

486.28 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 486.29 read:

486.30 Subd. 2b. **Census income.** "Census income" means income earned working as a census  
 486.31 enumerator or decennial census worker responsible for recording the housing units and  
 486.32 residents in a specific geographic area.

487.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 487.2 read:

487.3 Subd. 5a. **Lived-experience engagement.** "Lived-experience engagement" means an  
 487.4 intentional engagement of people with lived experience by a federal, Tribal, state, county,  
 487.5 municipal, or nonprofit human services agency funded in part or in whole by federal, state,  
 487.6 local government, Tribal Nation, public, private, or philanthropic funds to gather and share  
 487.7 feedback on the impact of human services programs.

416.17 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 416.18 to read:

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

416.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

416.22 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

### H0238-3

172.15 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 172.16 to read:

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

172.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

### UES2995-2

487.8 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.02, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

487.9 **Subd. 1a. Exemption.** Participants who qualify for child care assistance programs under  
 487.10 chapter 119B are exempt from this section, except that the personal property identified in  
 487.11 subdivision 2 is counted toward the asset limit of the child care assistance program under  
 487.12 chapter 119B. Census income is not counted toward the asset limit of the child care assistance  
 487.13 program under chapter 119B.

### H0238-3

172.20 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

### UES2995-2

487.14 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

487.18 (1) cash not excluded under subdivisions 4 and 5;  
 487.19 (2) bank accounts;  
 487.20 (3) liquid stocks and bonds that can be readily accessed without a financial penalty;

417.1 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 417.2 to read:

417.3 Subd. 4. Health and human services recipient engagement income. Income received  
 417.4 from lived-experience engagement, as defined in section 256P.01, subdivision 5a, shall be  
 417.5 excluded when determining the equity value of personal property.

417.6 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 417.7 to read:

417.8 Subd. 5. Account exception. Family asset accounts under section 256E.35 and individual  
 417.9 development accounts authorized under the Assets for Independence Act, Title IV of the  
 417.10 Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Human  
 417.11 Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, Public Law 105-285, shall be excluded when  
 417.12 determining the equity value of personal property.

417.13 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

417.14 **Subd. 4. Factors to be verified.** (a) The agency shall verify the following at application:  
 417.15 (1) identity of adults;  
 417.16 (2) age, if necessary to determine eligibility;  
 417.17 (3) immigration status;  
 417.18 (4) income;  
 417.19 (5) spousal support and child support payments made to persons outside the household;  
 417.20 (6) vehicles;  
 417.21 (7) checking and savings accounts, including but not limited to any business accounts  
 417.22 used to pay expenses not related to the business;  
 417.23 (8) inconsistent information, if related to eligibility;

487.21 (4) vehicles not excluded under subdivision 3; and  
 487.22 (5) the full value of business accounts used to pay expenses not related to the business.

487.23 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 487.24 read:

487.25 Subd. 4. Health and human services recipient engagement income. Income received  
 487.26 from lived-experience engagement, as defined in section 256P.01, subdivision 6, shall be  
 487.27 excluded when determining the equity value of personal property.

### H0238-3

173.1 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 173.2 to read:

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

### UES2995-2

488.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.02, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 488.2 to read:

488.3 Subd. 5. Census income. Census income is excluded when determining the equity value  
 488.4 of personal property.

### H0238-3

173.8 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.04, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

173.9 **Subd. 4. Factors to be verified.** (a) The agency shall verify the following at application:  
 173.10 (1) identity of adults;  
 173.11 (2) age, if necessary to determine eligibility;  
 173.12 (3) immigration status;  
 173.13 (4) income;  
 173.14 (5) spousal support and child support payments made to persons outside the household;  
 173.15 (6) vehicles;  
 173.16 (7) checking and savings accounts, including but not limited to any business accounts  
 173.17 used to pay expenses not related to the business;  
 173.18 (8) inconsistent information, if related to eligibility;

417.24 (9) residence; and

417.25 (10) Social Security number; and

417.26 (11) use of nonrecurring income under section 256P.06, subdivision 3, clause (2), item

417.27 (ix), for the intended purpose for which it was given and received.

417.28 (b) Applicants who are qualified noncitizens and victims of domestic violence as defined

417.29 under section 256J.08, subdivision 73, clauses (8) and (9), are not required to verify the

418.1 information in paragraph (a), clause (10). When a Social Security number is not provided

418.2 to the agency for verification, this requirement is satisfied when each member of the

418.3 assistance unit cooperates with the procedures for verification of Social Security numbers,

418.4 issuance of duplicate cards, and issuance of new numbers which have been established

418.5 jointly between the Social Security Administration and the commissioner.

418.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

418.7 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.04, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

418.8 Subd. 8. **Recertification.** The agency shall recertify eligibility annually. During

418.9 recertification and reporting under section 256P.10, the agency shall verify the following:

418.10 (1) income, unless excluded, including self-employment earnings;

418.11 (2) assets when the value is within \$200 of the asset limit; and

418.12 (3) inconsistent information, if related to eligibility.

418.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

418.14 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

418.15 Subd. 3. **Income inclusions.** The following must be included in determining the income

418.16 of an assistance unit:

418.17 (1) earned income; and

418.18 (2) unearned income, which includes:

418.19 (i) interest and dividends from investments and savings;

418.20 (ii) capital gains as defined by the Internal Revenue Service from any sale of real property;

418.21 (iii) proceeds from rent and contract for deed payments in excess of the principal and

418.22 interest portion owed on property;

418.23 (iv) income from trusts, excluding special needs and supplemental needs trusts;

418.24 (v) interest income from loans made by the participant or household;

173.19 (9) residence; and

173.20 (10) Social Security number; and

173.21 (11) use of nonrecurring income under section 256P.06, subdivision 3, clause (2), item

173.22 (ix), for the intended purpose for which it was given and received.

173.23 (b) Applicants who are qualified noncitizens and victims of domestic violence as defined

173.24 under section 256J.08, subdivision 73, clauses (8) and (9), are not required to verify the

173.25 information in paragraph (a), clause (10). When a Social Security number is not provided

173.26 to the agency for verification, this requirement is satisfied when each member of the

173.27 assistance unit cooperates with the procedures for verification of Social Security numbers,

173.28 issuance of duplicate cards, and issuance of new numbers which have been established

173.29 jointly between the Social Security Administration and the commissioner.

173.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2024.

174.1 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.04, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

174.2 Subd. 8. **Recertification.** The agency shall recertify eligibility annually. During

174.3 recertification and reporting under section 256P.10, the agency shall verify the following:

174.4 (1) income, unless excluded, including self-employment earnings;

174.5 (2) assets when the value is within \$200 of the asset limit; and

174.6 (3) inconsistent information, if related to eligibility.

174.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

## UES2995-2

488.5 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

488.6 Subd. 3. **Income inclusions.** The following must be included in determining the income

488.7 of an assistance unit:

488.8 (1) earned income; and

488.9 (2) unearned income, which includes:

488.10 (i) interest and dividends from investments and savings;

488.11 (ii) capital gains as defined by the Internal Revenue Service from any sale of real property;

488.12 (iii) proceeds from rent and contract for deed payments in excess of the principal and

488.13 interest portion owed on property;

488.14 (iv) income from trusts, excluding special needs and supplemental needs trusts;

488.15 (v) interest income from loans made by the participant or household;

418.25 (vi) cash prizes and winnings;

418.26 (vii) unemployment insurance income that is received by an adult member of the  
418.27 assistance unit unless the individual receiving unemployment insurance income is:

418.28 (A) 18 years of age and enrolled in a secondary school; or

419.1 (B) 18 or 19 years of age, a caregiver, and is enrolled in school at least half-time;

419.2 (viii) for the purposes of programs under chapters 256D and 256I, retirement, survivors,  
419.3 and disability insurance payments;

419.4 (ix) nonrecurring income over \$60 per quarter unless the nonrecurring income is: (A)  
419.5 from tax refunds, tax rebates, or tax credits; (B) a reimbursement, rebate, award, grant, or  
419.6 refund of personal or real property or costs or losses incurred when these payments are  
419.7 made by: a public agency; a court; solicitations through public appeal; a federal, state, or  
419.8 local unit of government; or a disaster assistance organization; (C) provided as an in-kind  
419.9 benefit; or (D) earmarked and used for the purpose for which it was intended, subject to  
419.10 verification requirements under section 256P.04;

419.11 (x) retirement benefits;

419.12 (xi) (x) cash assistance benefits, as defined by each program in chapters 119B, 256D,  
419.13 256I, and 256J;

419.14 (xii) Tribal per capita payments unless excluded by federal and state law;

419.15 (xiii) (xi) income from members of the United States armed forces unless excluded from  
419.16 income taxes according to federal or state law;

419.17 (xiv) (xii) for the purposes of programs under chapters 119B, 256D, and 256I, all child  
419.18 support payments for programs under chapters 119B, 256D, and 256I;

419.19 (xv) (xiii) for the purposes of programs under chapter 256J, the amount of child support  
419.20 received that exceeds \$100 for assistance units with one child and \$200 for assistance units  
419.21 with two or more children for programs under chapter 256J;

419.22 (xvi) (xiv) spousal support; and

419.23 (xvii) (xv) workers' compensation; and

419.24 (xvi) for the purposes of programs under chapters 119B and 256J, the amount of  
419.25 retirement, survivors, and disability insurance payments that exceeds the applicable monthly  
419.26 federal maximum Supplemental Security Income payments.

419.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2024, except the removal  
419.28 of item (ix) related to nonrecurring income is effective July 1, 2024, and the removal of  
419.29 item (xii) related to Tribal per capita payments and the addition of item (xvi) related to  
419.30 retirement, survivors, and disability insurance payments is effective August 1, 2023.

488.16 (vi) cash prizes and winnings;

488.17 (vii) unemployment insurance income that is received by an adult member of the  
488.18 assistance unit unless the individual receiving unemployment insurance income is:

488.19 (A) 18 years of age and enrolled in a secondary school; or

488.20 (B) 18 or 19 years of age, a caregiver, and is enrolled in school at least half-time;

488.21 (viii) retirement, survivors, and disability insurance payments;

488.22 (ix) nonrecurring income over \$60 per quarter unless the nonrecurring income is: (A)  
488.23 from tax refunds, tax rebates, or tax credits; (B) a reimbursement, rebate, award, grant, or  
488.24 refund of personal or real property or costs or losses incurred when these payments are  
488.25 made by: a public agency; a court; solicitations through public appeal; a federal, state, or  
488.26 local unit of government; or a disaster assistance organization; (C) provided as an in-kind  
488.27 benefit; or (D) earmarked and used for the purpose for which it was intended, subject to  
488.28 verification requirements under section 256P.04;

488.29 (x) retirement benefits;

489.1 (xi) (x) cash assistance benefits, as defined by each program in chapters 119B, 256D, 256I,  
489.2 and 256J;

489.3 (xii) (xi) Tribal per capita payments unless excluded by federal and state law;

489.4 (xiii) (xii) income from members of the United States armed forces unless excluded  
489.5 from income taxes according to federal or state law;

489.6 (xiv) (xiii) all child support payments for programs under chapters 119B, 256D, and  
489.7 256I;

489.8 (xv) (xiv) the amount of child support received that exceeds \$100 for assistance units  
489.9 with one child and \$200 for assistance units with two or more children for programs under  
489.10 chapter 256J;

489.11 (xvi) (xv) spousal support; and

489.12 (xvii) (xvi) workers' compensation.

## H0238-3

174.8 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.06, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

174.11 (1) earned income; and

174.12 (2) unearned income, which includes:

174.13 (i) interest and dividends from investments and savings;

174.14 (ii) capital gains as defined by the Internal Revenue Service from any sale of real property;

174.15 (iii) proceeds from rent and contract for deed payments in excess of the principal and  
174.16 interest portion owed on property;

174.17 (iv) income from trusts, excluding special needs and supplemental needs trusts;

174.18 (v) interest income from loans made by the participant or household;

174.19 (vi) cash prizes and winnings;

174.20 (vii) unemployment insurance income that is received by an adult member of the  
174.21 assistance unit unless the individual receiving unemployment insurance income is:

174.22 (A) 18 years of age and enrolled in a secondary school; or

174.23 (B) 18 or 19 years of age, a caregiver, and is enrolled in school at least half-time;

174.24 (viii) for the purposes of programs under chapters 256D and 256I, retirement, survivors,  
174.25 and disability insurance payments;

174.26 (ix) nonrecurring income over \$60 per quarter unless the nonrecurring income is: (A)  
174.27 from tax refunds, tax rebates, or tax credits; (B) a reimbursement, rebate, award, grant, or  
174.28 refund of personal or real property or costs or losses incurred when these payments are  
174.29 made by: a public agency; a court; solicitations through public appeal; a federal, state, or  
175.1 local unit of government; or a disaster assistance organization; (C) provided as an in-kind  
175.2 benefit; or (D) earmarked and used for the purpose for which it was intended, subject to  
175.3 verification requirements under section 256P.04;

175.4 (x) retirement benefits;

175.5 (xi) cash assistance benefits, as defined by each program in chapters 119B, 256D,  
175.6 256I, and 256J;

175.7 (xii) (xi) Tribal per capita payments unless excluded by federal and state law;

175.8 ~~(xiii)~~ (xii) income from members of the United States armed forces unless excluded  
 175.9 from income taxes according to federal or state law;  
 175.10 ~~(xiv)~~ (xiii) for the purposes of programs under chapters 119B, 256D, and 256I, all child  
 175.11 support payments for programs under chapters 119B, 256D, and 256I;  
 175.12 ~~(xv)~~ (xiv) for the purposes of programs under chapter 256J, the amount of child support  
 175.13 received that exceeds \$100 for assistance units with one child and \$200 for assistance units  
 175.14 with two or more children for programs under chapter 256J;  
 175.15 ~~(xvi)~~ (xv) spousal support; and  
 175.16 ~~(xvii)~~ (xvi) workers' compensation; and  
 175.17 ~~(xvii)~~ (xvi) for the purposes of programs under chapters 119B and 256J, the amount of  
 175.18 retirement, survivors, and disability insurance payments that exceeds the applicable monthly  
 175.19 federal maximum Supplemental Security Income payments.  
 175.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 1, 2024, except the removal  
 175.21 of item (ix) related to nonrecurring income is effective July 1, 2024.

## UES2995-2

420.1 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.06, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 420.2 to read:  
 420.3 Subd. 4. Recipient engagement income. Income received from lived-experience  
 420.4 engagement, as defined in section 256P.01, subdivision 5a, must not be counted as income  
 420.5 for purposes of determining or redetermining eligibility or benefits.

420.6 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:  
 420.7 Subdivision 1. Exempted programs. Participants who receive Supplemental Security  
 420.8 Income and qualify for Minnesota supplemental aid under chapter 256D and or for housing  
 420.9 support under chapter 256I on the basis of eligibility for Supplemental Security Income are  
 420.10 exempt from this section reporting income under this chapter.

420.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

489.13 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.06, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 489.14 to read:

489.15 Subd. 4. Recipient engagement income. Income received from lived-experience  
 489.16 engagement, as defined in section 256P.01, subdivision 5a, must not be counted as income  
 489.17 for purposes of determining or redetermining eligibility or benefits.

489.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2024.

489.19 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.06, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 489.20 to read:

489.21 Subd. 5. Census income. Census income does not count as income for purposes of  
 489.22 determining or redetermining eligibility or benefits.

## H0238-3

175.22 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

175.23 Subdivision 1. Exempted programs. Participants who receive Supplemental Security  
 175.24 Income and qualify for Minnesota supplemental aid under chapter 256D and or for housing  
 175.25 support under chapter 256I on the basis of eligibility for Supplemental Security Income are  
 175.26 exempt from this section reporting income under this chapter.

175.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

420.12 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 420.13 to read:

420.14 **Subd. 1a. Child care assistance programs.** Participants who qualify for child care  
 420.15 assistance programs under chapter 119B are exempt from this section except the reporting  
 420.16 requirements in subdivision 6.

420.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

420.18 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

420.19 **Subd. 2. Reporting requirements.** An applicant or participant must provide information  
 420.20 on an application and any subsequent reporting forms about the assistance unit's  
 420.21 circumstances that affect eligibility or benefits. An applicant or assistance unit must report  
 420.22 changes that affect eligibility or benefits as identified in subdivision subdivisions 3, 4, 5,  
 420.23 7, 8, and 9 during the application period or by the tenth of the month following the month  
 420.24 the assistance unit's circumstances changed. When information is not accurately reported,  
 420.25 both an overpayment and a referral for a fraud investigation may result. When information  
 420.26 or documentation is not provided, the receipt of any benefit may be delayed or denied,  
 420.27 depending on the type of information required and its effect on eligibility.

420.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

421.1 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

421.2 **Subd. 3. Changes that must be reported.** An assistance unit must report the changes  
 421.3 or anticipated changes specified in clauses (1) to (12) within ten days of the date they occur,  
 421.4 at the time of recertification of eligibility under section 256P.04, subdivisions 8 and 9, or  
 421.5 within eight calendar days of a reporting period, whichever occurs first. An assistance unit  
 421.6 must report other changes at the time of recertification of eligibility under section 256P.04,  
 421.7 subdivisions 8 and 9, or at the end of a reporting period, as applicable. When an agency  
 421.8 could have reduced or terminated assistance for one or more payment months if a delay in  
 421.9 reporting a change specified under clauses (1) to (12) had not occurred, the agency must  
 421.10 determine whether a timely notice could have been issued on the day that the change  
 421.11 occurred. When a timely notice could have been issued, each month's overpayment  
 421.12 subsequent to that notice must be considered a client error overpayment under section  
 421.13 119B.11, subdivision 2a, or 256P.08. Changes in circumstances that must be reported within  
 421.14 ten days must also be reported for the reporting period in which those changes occurred.  
 421.15 Within ten days, an assistance unit must report:

421.16 (1) a change in earned income of \$100 per month or greater with the exception of a  
 421.17 program under chapter 119B;

421.18 (2) a change in unearned income of \$50 per month or greater with the exception of a  
 421.19 program under chapter 119B;

176.1 Sec. 70. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 176.2 to read:

176.3 **Subd. 1a. Child care assistance programs.** Participants who qualify for child care  
 176.4 assistance programs under chapter 119B are exempt from this section except the reporting  
 176.5 requirements in subdivision 6.

176.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

176.7 Sec. 71. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

176.8 **Subd. 2. Reporting requirements.** An applicant or participant must provide information  
 176.9 on an application and any subsequent reporting forms about the assistance unit's  
 176.10 circumstances that affect eligibility or benefits. An applicant or assistance unit must report  
 176.11 changes that affect eligibility or benefits as identified in subdivision subdivisions 3, 4, 5,  
 176.12 7, 8, and 9 during the application period or by the tenth of the month following the month  
 176.13 the assistance unit's circumstances changed. When information is not accurately reported,  
 176.14 both an overpayment and a referral for a fraud investigation may result. When information  
 176.15 or documentation is not provided, the receipt of any benefit may be delayed or denied,  
 176.16 depending on the type of information required and its effect on eligibility.

176.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

176.18 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

176.19 **Subd. 3. Changes that must be reported.** An assistance unit must report the changes  
 176.20 or anticipated changes specified in clauses (1) to (12) within ten days of the date they occur,  
 176.21 at the time of recertification of eligibility under section 256P.04, subdivisions 8 and 9, or  
 176.22 within eight calendar days of a reporting period, whichever occurs first. An assistance unit  
 176.23 must report other changes at the time of recertification of eligibility under section 256P.04,  
 176.24 subdivisions 8 and 9, or at the end of a reporting period, as applicable. When an agency  
 176.25 could have reduced or terminated assistance for one or more payment months if a delay in  
 176.26 reporting a change specified under clauses (1) to (12) had not occurred, the agency must  
 176.27 determine whether a timely notice could have been issued on the day that the change  
 176.28 occurred. When a timely notice could have been issued, each month's overpayment  
 176.29 subsequent to that notice must be considered a client error overpayment under section  
 176.30 119B.11, subdivision 2a, or 256P.08. Changes in circumstances that must be reported within  
 176.31 ten days must also be reported for the reporting period in which those changes occurred.  
 176.32 Within ten days, an assistance unit must report:

177.1 (1) a change in earned income of \$100 per month or greater with the exception of a  
 177.2 program under chapter 119B;

177.3 (2) a change in unearned income of \$50 per month or greater with the exception of a  
 177.4 program under chapter 119B;

421.20     (3) a change in employment status and hours with the exception of a program under  
 421.21     chapter 119B;

421.22     (4) a change in address or residence;

421.23     (5) a change in household composition with the exception of programs under chapter  
 421.24     256I;

421.25     (6) a receipt of a lump sum payment with the exception of a program under chapter  
 421.26     119B;

421.27     (7) an increase in assets if over \$0,000 with the exception of programs under chapter  
 421.28     119B;

421.29     (8) a change in citizenship or immigration status;

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

421.31     (10) a change in disability status of a unit member, with the exception of programs under  
 421.32     chapter 119B;

422.1     (11) a new rent subsidy or a change in rent subsidy with the exception of a program  
 422.2     under chapter 119B; and

422.3     (12) a sale, purchase, or transfer of real property with the exception of a program under  
 422.4     chapter 119B.

422.5     (a) An assistance unit must report changes or anticipated changes as described in this  
 422.6     section.

422.7     (b) An assistance unit must report:

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

422.10     (2) a change in address or residence;

422.11     (3) a change in household composition with the exception of programs under chapter  
 422.12     256I;

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

422.15     (5) a change in citizenship or immigration status;

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

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

422.18     (c) When an agency could have reduced or terminated assistance for one or more payment  
 422.19     months if a delay in reporting a change specified under paragraph (b) had not occurred, the

177.5     (3) a change in employment status and hours with the exception of a program under  
 177.6     chapter 119B;

177.7     (4) a change in address or residence;

177.8     (5) a change in household composition with the exception of programs under chapter  
 177.9     256I;

177.10     (6) a receipt of a lump sum payment with the exception of a program under chapter  
 177.11     119B;

177.12     (7) an increase in assets if over \$0,000 with the exception of programs under chapter  
 177.13     119B;

177.14     (8) a change in citizenship or immigration status;

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

177.16     (10) a change in disability status of a unit member, with the exception of programs under  
 177.17     chapter 119B;

177.18     (11) a new rent subsidy or a change in rent subsidy with the exception of a program  
 177.19     under chapter 119B; and

177.20     (12) a sale, purchase, or transfer of real property with the exception of a program under  
 177.21     chapter 119B.

177.22     (a) An assistance unit must report changes or anticipated changes as described in this  
 177.23     section.

177.24     (b) An assistance unit must report:

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

177.27     (2) a change in address or residence;

177.28     (3) a change in household composition with the exception of programs under chapter  
 177.29     256I;

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

178.3     (5) a change in citizenship or immigration status;

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

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

178.6     (c) When an agency could have reduced or terminated assistance for one or more payment  
 178.7     months if a delay in reporting a change specified under paragraph (b) had not occurred, the

422.20 agency must determine whether the agency could have issued a timely notice on the day  
 422.21 that the change occurred. When a timely notice could have been issued, each month's  
 422.22 overpayment subsequent to the notice must be considered a client error overpayment under  
 422.23 section 256P.08.

422.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025, except that the amendment  
 422.25 striking clause (6) is effective July 1, 2024.

422.26 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

422.29 (1) a pregnancy not resulting in birth when there are no other minor children; **and**  
 423.1 (2) a change in school attendance of a parent under 20 years of age **or of an employed**  
 423.2 child; and  
 423.3 (3) an individual in the household who is 18 or 19 years of age attending high school  
 423.4 who graduates or drops out of school.

423.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

423.6 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

423.10 (1) a change in a parentally responsible individual's custody schedule for any child  
 423.11 receiving child care assistance program benefits;  
 423.12 (2) a permanent end in a parentally responsible individual's authorized activity; **and**  
 423.13 (3) if the unit's family's annual included income exceeds 85 percent of the state median  
 423.14 income, adjusted for family size; **;**  
 423.15 (4) a change in address or residence;  
 423.16 (5) a change in household composition;  
 423.17 (6) a change in citizenship or immigration status; and  
 423.18 (7) a change in family status.  
 423.19 (b) An assistance unit subject to section 119B.095, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), must  
 423.20 report a change in the unit's authorized activity status.  
 423.21 (c) An assistance unit must notify the county when the unit wants to reduce the number  
 423.22 of authorized hours for children in the unit.

178.8 agency must determine whether the agency could have issued a timely notice on the day  
 178.9 that the change occurred. When a timely notice could have been issued, each month's  
 178.10 overpayment subsequent to the notice must be considered a client error overpayment under  
 178.11 section 256P.08.

178.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025, except that the amendment  
 178.13 deleting clause (6) is effective July 1, 2024.

178.14 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

178.17 (1) a pregnancy not resulting in birth when there are no other minor children; **and**  
 178.18 (2) a change in school attendance of a parent under 20 years of age **or of an employed**  
 178.19 child; and  
 178.20 (3) an individual in the household who is 18 or 19 years of age attending high school  
 178.21 who graduates or drops out of school.

178.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

178.23 Sec. 74. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

178.27 (1) a change in a parentally responsible individual's custody schedule for any child  
 178.28 receiving child care assistance program benefits;  
 178.29 (2) a permanent end in a parentally responsible individual's authorized activity; **and**  
 179.1 (3) if the unit's family's annual included income exceeds 85 percent of the state median  
 179.2 income, adjusted for family size; **;**  
 179.3 (4) a change in address or residence;  
 179.4 (5) a change in household composition;  
 179.5 (6) a change in citizenship or immigration status; and  
 179.6 (7) a change in family status.  
 179.7 (b) An assistance unit subject to section 119B.095, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), must  
 179.8 report a change in the unit's authorized activity status.  
 179.9 (c) An assistance unit must notify the county when the unit wants to reduce the number  
 179.10 of authorized hours for children in the unit.

423.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

423.24 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

423.25 **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 shelter expenses:~~

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

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

424.2 (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:

424.5 (1) a change in shelter expenses; and

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

424.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

424.8 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

424.10 **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:

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

424.14 (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.

424.16 (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:

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

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

424.21 (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).

424.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

179.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

179.12 Sec. 75. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

179.13 **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 shelter expenses:~~

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

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

179.19 (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:

179.22 (1) a change in shelter expenses; and

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

179.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

179.25 Sec. 76. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

179.27 **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:

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

180.2 (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.

180.4 (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:

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

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

180.9 (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).

180.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

424.24 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 424.25 to read:

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

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

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

425.3 (3) changes in any condition that would result in the loss of basis for eligibility in section  
 425.4 256D.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

425.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

425.6 Sec. 58. **[256P.09] PROSPECTIVE BUDGETING OF BENEFITS.**

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

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

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

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

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

180.12 Sec. 77. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256P.07, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 180.13 to read:

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

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

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

180.20 (3) changes in any condition that would result in the loss of basis for eligibility in section  
 180.21 256D.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a).

180.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

180.23 Sec. 78. **[256P.09] PROSPECTIVE BUDGETING OF BENEFITS.**

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

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

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

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

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

425.30 the month following the month when the change occurred, the change in income shall be  
 425.31 effective on the date the change was reported.

425.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

426.1 **Sec. 59. [256P.10] SIX-MONTH REPORTING.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

181.17 the month following the month when the change occurred, the change in income shall be  
 181.18 effective on the date the change was reported.

181.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

181.20 **Sec. 79. [256P.10] SIX-MONTH REPORTING.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

427.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

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

182.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2025.

182.23 Sec. 80. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 261.063, is amended to read:

182.24 **261.063 TAX LEVY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES; BOARD DUTY; PENALTY.**

182.25 (a) The board of county commissioners of each county shall annually levy taxes and fix  
 182.26 a rate sufficient to produce the full amount required for poor relief, general assistance,  
 182.27 Minnesota family investment program, ~~diversity work program~~, county share of county  
 182.28 and state supplemental aid to Supplemental Security Income applicants or recipients, and  
 182.29 any other Social Security measures wherein there is now or may hereafter be county  
 182.30 participation, sufficient to produce the full amount necessary for each such item, including  
 182.31 administrative expenses, for the ensuing year, within the time fixed by law in addition to  
 182.32 all other tax levies and tax rates, however fixed or determined, and any commissioner who  
 183.1 shall fail to comply herewith shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall be immediately  
 183.2 removed from office by the governor. For the purposes of this paragraph, "poor relief"  
 183.3 means county services provided under sections 261.035 and 261.21 to 261.231.

183.4 (b) Nothing within the provisions of this section shall be construed as requiring a county  
 183.5 agency to provide income support or cash assistance to needy persons when they are no  
 183.6 longer eligible for assistance under general assistance, chapter 256J, or Minnesota  
 183.7 supplemental aid.

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

183.9 Sec. 81. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 514.972, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

183.10 Subd. 5. **Access to certain items.** (a) Any occupant may remove from the self-storage  
 183.11 facility personal papers and health aids upon demand made to any of the persons listed in  
 183.12 section 514.976, subdivision 1.

183.13 (b) An occupant who provides documentation from a government or nonprofit agency  
 183.14 or legal aid office that the occupant is a recipient of relief based on need, is eligible for legal  
 183.15 aid services, or is a survivor of domestic violence or sexual assault may remove, in addition  
 183.16 to the items provided in paragraph (a), personal clothing of the occupant and the occupant's  
 183.17 dependents and tools of the trade that are necessary for the livelihood of the occupant that  
 183.18 has a market value not to exceed \$125 per item.

183.19 (c) The occupant shall present a list of the items and may remove the items during the  
 183.20 facility's ordinary business hours prior to the sale authorized by section 514.973. If the  
 183.21 owner unjustifiably denies the occupant access for the purpose of removing the items  
 183.22 specified in this subdivision, the occupant is entitled to request relief from the court for an  
 183.23 order allowing access to the storage space for removal of the specified items. The self-service  
 183.24 storage facility is liable to the occupant for the costs, disbursements, and attorney fees  
 183.25 expended by the occupant to obtain this order.

427.4 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609B.425, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

427.5 **Subd. 2. Benefit eligibility.** (a) For general assistance benefits and Minnesota  
 427.6 supplemental aid under chapter 256D, a person convicted of a felony-level drug offense  
 427.7 after July 1, 1997, is ineligible for general assistance benefits and Supplemental Security  
 427.8 Income under chapter 256D until: during the previous ten years from the date of application  
 427.9 or recertification may be subject to random drug testing. The county must provide information  
 427.10 about substance use disorder treatment programs to a person who tests positive for an illegal  
 427.11 controlled substance.

427.12 (1) five years after completing the terms of a court-ordered sentence; or  
 427.13 (2) unless the person is participating in a drug treatment program, has successfully  
 427.14 completed a program, or has been determined not to be in need of a drug treatment program.

427.15 (b) A person who becomes eligible for assistance under chapter 256D is subject to  
 427.16 random drug testing and shall lose eligibility for benefits for five years beginning the month  
 427.17 following:

427.18 (1) any positive test for an illegal controlled substance; or  
 427.19 (2) discharge of sentence for conviction of another drug felony.

427.20 (e) (b) Parole violators and fleeing felons are ineligible for benefits and persons  
 427.21 fraudulently misrepresenting eligibility are also ineligible to receive benefits for ten years.

427.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

427.23 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609B.435, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

427.24 **Subd. 2. Drug offenders; random testing; sanctions.** A person who is an applicant for  
 427.25 benefits from the Minnesota family investment program or MFIP, the vehicle for temporary  
 427.26 assistance for needy families or TANF, and who has been convicted of a felony-level drug  
 427.27 offense shall may be subject to certain conditions, including random drug testing, in order

183.26 (d) For the purposes of this subdivision, "relief based on need" includes but is not limited  
 183.27 to receipt of a benefit from the Minnesota family investment program and diversionary  
 183.28 work program, medical assistance, general assistance, emergency general assistance,  
 183.29 Minnesota supplemental aid, Minnesota supplemental aid housing assistance, MinnesotaCare,  
 183.30 Supplemental Security Income, energy assistance, emergency assistance, Supplemental  
 183.31 Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, earned income tax credit, or Minnesota working  
 183.32 family tax credit. Relief based on need can also be proven by providing documentation from  
 183.33 a legal aid organization that the individual is receiving legal aid assistance, or by providing  
 184.1 documentation from a government agency, nonprofit, or housing assistance program that  
 184.2 the individual is receiving assistance due to domestic violence or sexual assault.

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

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489.23 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609B.425, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

489.24 **Subd. 2. Benefit eligibility.** (a) For general assistance benefits and Minnesota  
 489.25 supplemental aid under chapter 256D, a person convicted of a felony-level drug offense  
 489.26 after July 1, 1997, is ineligible for general assistance benefits and Supplemental Security  
 489.27 Income under chapter 256D until: during the previous ten years from the date of application  
 489.28 or recertification may be subject to random drug testing. The county must provide information  
 489.29 about substance use disorder treatment programs to a person who tests positive for an illegal  
 489.30 controlled substance.

490.1 (1) five years after completing the terms of a court-ordered sentence; or  
 490.2 (2) unless the person is participating in a drug treatment program, has successfully  
 490.3 completed a program, or has been determined not to be in need of a drug treatment program.

490.4 (b) A person who becomes eligible for assistance under chapter 256D is subject to  
 490.5 random drug testing and shall lose eligibility for benefits for five years beginning the month  
 490.6 following:

490.7 (1) any positive test for an illegal controlled substance; or  
 490.8 (2) discharge of sentence for conviction of another drug felony.

490.9 (e) (b) Parole violators and fleeing felons are ineligible for benefits and persons  
 490.10 fraudulently misrepresenting eligibility are also ineligible to receive benefits for ten years.

490.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

490.12 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609B.435, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

490.13 **Subd. 2. Drug offenders; random testing; sanctions.** A person who is an applicant for  
 490.14 benefits from the Minnesota family investment program or MFIP, the vehicle for temporary  
 490.15 assistance for needy families or TANF, and who has been convicted of a felony-level drug  
 490.16 offense shall may be subject to certain conditions, including random drug testing, in order

427.28 ~~to receive MFIP benefits. Following any positive test for a controlled substance, the convicted~~  
427.29 ~~applicant or participant is subject to the following sanctions: county must provide information~~  
427.30 ~~about substance use disorder treatment programs to the applicant or participant.~~

428.1 (1) a first time drug test failure results in a reduction of benefits in an amount equal to  
428.2 30 percent of the MFIP standard of need; and

428.3 (2) a second time drug test failure results in permanent disqualification from receiving  
428.4 MFIP assistance.

428.5 A similar disqualification sequence occurs if the applicant is receiving Supplemental Nutrition  
428.6 Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

428.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

428.8 Sec. 62. **COUNTY WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM PILOT.**

428.9 (a) To the extent permitted under federal law, and subject to any necessary federal  
428.10 approval, the commissioner of human services must permit Anoka, Dakota, St. Louis, and  
428.11 Wright Counties to operate a 12-month pilot to provide the four-day mandated training  
428.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1), for the  
428.13 MAXIS eligibility system and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in-house.  
428.14 Counties shall be permitted to provide their own training under this section starting 30 days  
428.15 after receipt of necessary federal approval and only after receiving and agreeing to use the  
428.16 commissioner's training materials.

428.17 (b) The commissioner must provide oversight of the training program to ensure county  
428.18 training is consistent with current curriculum. The commissioner shall determine what  
428.19 oversight activities will be utilized. If there are changes in state or federal law governing  
428.20 SNAP or changes are made to MAXIS, counties must not provide training until they have  
428.21 received and agreed to use the updated curriculum provided by the commissioner.

428.22 (c) Counties must comply with all applicable state and federal training requirements,  
428.23 including but not limited to reporting requirements. In addition, no later than 120 days  
428.24 following completion of the pilot, each county permitted to conduct their own training under  
428.25 this section must report to the commissioner the following data:

428.26 (1) the number of classes offered during the pilot period;  
428.27 (2) the number of workers trained during the pilot period; and  
428.28 (3) the number of county staff who provided training during the pilot period.

428.29 (d) Nothing in this section shall prevent the commissioner from requiring the employees  
428.30 of the counties participating in the pilot from receiving mandatory training provided by the  
428.31 commissioner on subjects relating to data privacy and security awareness. Prior to receiving

490.17 ~~to receive MFIP benefits. Following any positive test for a controlled substance, the convicted~~  
490.18 ~~applicant or participant is subject to the following sanctions: county must provide information~~  
490.19 ~~about substance use disorder treatment programs to the applicant or participant.~~

490.20 (1) a first time drug test failure results in a reduction of benefits in an amount equal to  
490.21 30 percent of the MFIP standard of need; and

490.22 (2) a second time drug test failure results in permanent disqualification from receiving  
490.23 MFIP assistance.

490.24 A similar disqualification sequence occurs if the applicant is receiving Supplemental Nutrition  
490.25 Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

490.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023.

429.1 any in-house training provided for in paragraph (a), any county employee must first receive  
429.2 all training the commissioner requires pursuant to this section.

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184.4 Sec. 82. **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE OUTREACH PROGRAM.**  
184.5 Subdivision 1. **SNAP outreach program.** The commissioner of human services shall  
184.6 implement a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach program to  
184.7 inform low-income households about the availability, eligibility requirements, application  
184.8 procedures, and benefits of SNAP that meets the requirements of the United States  
184.9 Department of Agriculture.  
184.10 Subd. 2. **Duties of commissioner.** In addition to any other duties imposed by federal  
184.11 law, the commissioner shall:  
184.12 (1) supervise the administration of the SNAP outreach program according to guidance  
184.13 provided by the United States Department of Agriculture;  
184.14 (2) submit the SNAP outreach plan and budget to the United States Department of  
184.15 Agriculture;  
184.16 (3) accept any funds provided by the federal government or other sources for SNAP  
184.17 outreach;  
184.18 (4) administer the request-for-proposals process and establish contracts with grantees  
184.19 to ensure SNAP outreach services are available to inform low-income households statewide;  
184.20 (5) approve budgets from grantees to ensure that activities are eligible for federal  
184.21 reimbursement;  
184.22 (6) monitor grantees, review invoices, and reimburse grantees for allowable costs that  
184.23 are eligible for federal reimbursement;  
184.24 (7) provide technical assistance to grantees to ensure that projects support SNAP outreach  
184.25 goals and project costs are eligible for federal reimbursement;  
184.26 (8) work in partnership with counties, Tribal Nations, and community organizations to  
184.27 enhance the reach and services of a statewide SNAP outreach program; and  
184.28 (9) identify and leverage eligible nonfederal funds to earn federal reimbursement for  
184.29 SNAP outreach.  
184.30 Subd. 3. **Program funding.** (a) Grantees must submit allowable costs for approved  
184.31 SNAP outreach activities to the commissioner in order to receive federal reimbursement.

429.3 Sec. 63. **REPEALER.**

429.4 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 256.9864; 256J.08, subdivisions 10, 53, 61, 62,  
 429.5 81, and 83; 256J.30, subdivisions 5, 7, and 8; 256J.33, subdivisions 3, 4, and 5; 256J.34,  
 429.6 subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4; and 256J.37, subdivision 10, are repealed.

429.7 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.8799, is repealed.

429.8 (c) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.425, subdivision 6, is repealed.

429.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective March 1, 2025, except the repeal of  
 429.10 Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 256J.08, subdivisions 53 and 62, and 256J.37, subdivision  
 429.11 10, is effective July 1, 2024. Paragraph (c) is effective May 1, 2026.

185.1 (b) The commissioner shall disburse federal reimbursement funds for allowable costs  
 185.2 for approved SNAP outreach activities to the state agency or grantee that incurred the costs  
 185.3 being reimbursed.

185.4 Sec. 83. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

185.5 The revisor of statutes shall remove from Minnesota Statutes, sections 550.143,  
 185.6 subdivision 3c; 550.37, subdivision 14; 551.05, subdivision 1d; 571.72, subdivision 10;  
 185.7 571.912, subdivision 3; and 571.925, the terms "MFIP Diversionary Work Program" and  
 185.8 "MFIP diversionary work program." The revisor shall also make any necessary grammatical  
 185.9 changes related to the removal of terms.

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

185.11 Sec. 84. **REPEALER.**

185.12 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 256.9864; 256J.08, subdivisions 10, 53, 61, 62,  
 185.13 81, and 83; 256J.30, subdivisions 5, 7, and 8; 256J.33, subdivisions 3, 4, and 5; 256J.34,  
 185.14 subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4; and 256J.37, subdivision 10, are repealed.

185.15 (b) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256J.425, subdivision 6, is repealed.

185.16 (c) Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 119B.011, subdivision 10a; 256J.08, subdivision  
 185.17 24b; 256J.95, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19;  
 185.18 and 256P.07, subdivision 5, are repealed.

185.19 (d) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256D.63, subdivision 1, is repealed.

185.20 (e) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.8799, is repealed.

185.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (a) is effective March 1, 2025, except the repeal of  
 185.22 Minnesota Statutes, sections 256J.08, subdivisions 53 and 62, and 256J.37, subdivision 10,  
 185.23 is effective July 1, 2024. Paragraph (b) is effective May 1, 2026. Paragraph (c) is effective  
 185.24 March 1, 2024. Paragraph (d) is effective the day following final enactment. Paragraph (e)  
 185.25 is effective August 1, 2023.