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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.011, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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Subd. 3. **Application.** "Application" means the submission to a county agency, by or on behalf of a family, of a completed, signed, and dated:

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(1) child care assistance universal application form; or

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(2) child care addendum form in combination with a combined application form for MFIP, ~~DWP~~, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.011, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

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

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

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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 119B.02, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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Subd. 4. **Universal application form.** The commissioner must develop and make available to all counties a universal application form for child care assistance under this chapter. The commissioner may develop and make available to all counties a child care addendum form to be used to supplement the combined application form for MFIP, ~~DWP~~, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or to supplement other statewide application forms for public assistance programs for families applying for one of these programs in addition to child care assistance. The application must provide notice of 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, ~~diversionary 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)~~ (3) 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)~~ (4) 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)~~ (5) 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)~~ (6) 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)~~ (7) 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)~~ (9) 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 ~~diversionary 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

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

386.23 provide for single adults, childless couples, or children as defined in section 256D.02,

386.24 subdivision 6, ineligible for federal programs who are unable to provide for themselves.

386.25 The minimum standard of assistance determines the total amount of the general assistance

386.26 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~~

386.28 ~~of an adult a recipient who is childless and unmarried or living apart from children and~~

386.29 ~~spouse and who does not live with a parent or parents or a legal custodian is the cash portion~~

386.30 ~~of the MFIP transitional standard for a single adult under section 256J.24, subdivision 5.~~

386.31 ~~When the other standards specified in this subdivision increase, this standard must also be~~

386.32 ~~increased by the same percentage.~~

387.1 (c) For an assistance unit consisting of a single adult who lives with a parent or parents,

387.2 the general assistance standard of assistance ~~is the amount that the aid to families with~~

387.3 ~~dependent children standard of assistance, in effect on July 16, 1996, would increase if the~~

387.4 ~~recipient were added as an additional minor child to an assistance unit consisting of the~~

387.5 ~~recipient's parent and all of that parent's family members, except that the standard may not~~

387.6 ~~exceed the standard for a general assistance recipient living alone is the cash portion of the~~

387.7 ~~MFIP transitional standard for a single adult under section 256J.24, subdivision 5. Benefits~~

387.8 received by a responsible relative of the assistance unit under the Supplemental Security

387.9 Income program, a workers' compensation program, the Minnesota supplemental aid program,

387.10 or any other program based on the responsible relative's disability, and any benefits received

387.11 by a responsible relative of the assistance unit under the Social Security retirement program,

387.12 may not be counted in the determination of eligibility or benefit level for the assistance unit.

387.13 Except as provided below, the assistance unit is ineligible for general assistance if the

387.14 available resources or the countable income of the assistance unit and the parent or parents

387.15 with whom the assistance unit lives are such that a family consisting of the assistance unit's

387.16 parent or parents, the parent or parents' other family members and the assistance unit as the

387.17 only or additional minor child would be financially ineligible for general assistance. For

387.18 the purposes of calculating the countable income of the assistance unit's parent or parents,

387.19 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

387.21 are the same as the first and second adult standards of the aid to families with dependent

387.22 children program in effect on July 16, 1996. If one member of the couple is not included in

141.18 findings upon which the sanctions were imposed are reversed by a court of competent

141.19 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

141.21 made on or after that date.

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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

482.6 provide for single adults, childless couples, or children as defined in section 256D.02,

482.7 subdivision 6, ineligible for federal programs who are unable to provide for themselves.

482.8 The minimum standard of assistance determines the total amount of the general assistance

482.9 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~~

482.11 ~~of an adult a recipient who is childless and unmarried or living apart from children and~~

482.12 ~~spouse and who does not live with a parent or parents or a legal custodian is the cash portion~~

482.13 ~~of the MFIP transitional standard for a single adult under section 256J.24, subdivision 5.~~

482.14 ~~When the other standards specified in this subdivision increase, this standard must also be~~

482.15 ~~increased by the same percentage.~~

482.16 (c) For an assistance unit consisting of a single adult who lives with a parent or parents,

482.17 the general assistance standard of assistance ~~is the amount that the aid to families with~~

482.18 ~~dependent children standard of assistance, in effect on July 16, 1996, would increase if the~~

482.19 ~~recipient were added as an additional minor child to an assistance unit consisting of the~~

482.20 ~~recipient's parent and all of that parent's family members, except that the standard may not~~

482.21 ~~exceed the standard for a general assistance recipient living alone is the cash portion of the~~

482.22 ~~MFIP transitional standard for a single adult under section 256J.24, subdivision 5. Benefits~~

482.23 received by a responsible relative of the assistance unit under the Supplemental Security

482.24 Income program, a workers' compensation program, the Minnesota supplemental aid program,

482.25 or any other program based on the responsible relative's disability, and any benefits received

482.26 by a responsible relative of the assistance unit under the Social Security retirement program,

482.27 may not be counted in the determination of eligibility or benefit level for the assistance unit.

482.28 Except as provided below, the assistance unit is ineligible for general assistance if the

482.29 available resources or the countable income of the assistance unit and the parent or parents

482.30 with whom the assistance unit lives are such that a family consisting of the assistance unit's

482.31 parent or parents, the parent or parents' other family members and the assistance unit as the

482.32 only or additional minor child would be financially ineligible for general assistance. For

482.33 the purposes of calculating the countable income of the assistance unit's parent or parents,

482.34 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

483.2 are the same as the first and second adult standards of the aid to families with dependent

483.3 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
388.23 assistance and possibly eligible for maintenance benefits from any other source shall (1)
388.24 make application for those benefits within ~~30~~ 90 days of the general assistance application;
388.25 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
388.27 benefits and may require a recipient of general assistance to file an appeal of the denial if
388.28 appropriate. If found eligible for benefits from other sources, and a payment received from
388.29 another source relates to the period during which general assistance was also being received,
388.30 the recipient shall be required to reimburse the county agency for the interim assistance
388.31 paid. Reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of general assistance paid during the time
389.1 period to which the other maintenance benefits apply and shall not exceed the state standard
389.2 applicable to that time period.

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

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

389.10 (e) The total amount of interim assistance recoveries retained under this section for
389.11 advocacy, support, and claim processing services shall not exceed 35 percent of the interim
389.12 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
389.15 in subdivisions 1 to 4, payments are allowed for the following special needs of recipients
389.16 of Minnesota supplemental aid who are not residents of a nursing home, a regional treatment
389.17 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
389.19 the cost of those additional dietary needs cannot be met through some other maintenance
389.20 benefit. The need for special diets or dietary items must be prescribed by a licensed physician,
389.21 advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant. Costs for special diets shall be
389.22 determined as percentages of the allotment for a one-person household under the thrifty
389.23 food plan as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture. The types of diets and
389.24 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
484.3 assistance and possibly eligible for maintenance benefits from any other source shall (1)
484.4 make application for those benefits within ~~30~~ 90 days of the general assistance application;
484.5 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
484.7 benefits and may require a recipient of general assistance to file an appeal of the denial if
484.8 appropriate. If found eligible for benefits from other sources, and a payment received from
484.9 another source relates to the period during which general assistance was also being received,
484.10 the recipient shall be required to reimburse the county agency for the interim assistance
484.11 paid. Reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of general assistance paid during the time
484.12 period to which the other maintenance benefits apply and shall not exceed the state standard
484.13 applicable to that time period.

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

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

484.21 (e) The total amount of interim assistance recoveries retained under this section for
484.22 advocacy, support, and claim processing services shall not exceed 35 percent of the interim
484.23 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) antidumping 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;~~

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;~~

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
395.1 organizations to manage the program. A portion of funds appropriated for this section may
395.2 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
145.1 price applicable to the residence determined according to section 143(e)(2) and (3) of the
145.2 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.

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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~~

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 256J.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.09~~ 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 ~~(a)~~ (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 ~~(a)~~ (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:

404.24 **256J.35 AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PAYMENT.**

404.25 Except as provided in paragraphs (a) to ~~(d)~~ (c), 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 ~~(e)~~ (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:

154.2 **256J.35 AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PAYMENT.**

154.3 Except as provided in paragraphs (a) to ~~(d)~~ (c), 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
 154.15 assistance 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 ~~(e)~~ (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 ~~diversionary 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 ~~(g)~~ (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 ~~(h)~~ (g) 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 ~~(g)~~ (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 ~~(h)~~ (g) 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 reappplies 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 reappplies 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~~
 411.32 ~~of the assistance unit's shelter costs. The residual amount of the grant after vendor payment,~~
 411.33 ~~if any, must be reduced by an amount~~ are equal to 30 a reduction of five percent of the cash
 411.34 ~~portion of the MFIP standard of need for an grant received by the assistance unit of the~~
 412.1 ~~same size before the residual grant is paid to the assistance unit.~~ The reduction in the grant
 412.2 amount must be in effect for a minimum of one month and shall be removed in the month
 412.3 following the month that the participant in a one-parent assistance unit returns to compliance,
 412.4 unless the requirements in paragraph (h) are met. In a two-parent assistance unit, the grant
 412.5 reduction must be in effect for a minimum of one month and shall be removed in the month
 412.6 following the month both participants return to compliance, unless the requirements in
 412.7 paragraph (h) are met. ~~The vendor payment of shelter costs and, if applicable, utilities shall~~
 412.8 ~~be removed six months after the month in which the participant or participants return to~~
 412.9 ~~compliance.~~ When an assistance unit comes into compliance with the requirements in section
 412.10 256.741, or shows good cause under section 256.741, subdivision 10, or 256J.57, the sanction
 412.11 occurrences for that assistance unit shall be equal to zero sanctions. If an assistance unit is
 412.12 sanctioned under this clause, the participant's case file must be reviewed to determine if the
 412.13 employment plan is still appropriate.

412.14 (d) For a seventh consecutive occurrence of noncompliance by a participant in an
 412.15 assistance unit, ~~or when the participants in a two-parent assistance unit have a total of seven~~
 412.16 ~~occurrences of noncompliance,~~ the county agency shall close the MFIP assistance unit's
 412.17 financial assistance case, both including the cash and food portions, and redetermine the
 412.18 family's continued eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 412.19 payments. The MFIP case must remain closed for a minimum of one full month. Before the
 412.20 case is closed, the county agency must review the participant's case to determine if the
 412.21 employment plan is still appropriate and attempt to meet with the participant face-to-face.
 412.22 The participant may bring an advocate to the face-to-face meeting. If a face-to-face meeting
 412.23 is not conducted, the county agency must send the participant a written notice that includes
 412.24 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
 412.27 providing a needed preemployment activity, as defined in section 256J.49, subdivision 13,
 412.28 clause (9);

412.29 (ii) determine whether the participant qualifies for a good cause exception under section
 412.30 256J.57, or if the sanction is for noncooperation with child support requirements, determine
 412.31 if the participant qualifies for a good cause exemption under section 256.741, subdivision
 412.32 10;

412.33 (iii) determine whether the work activities in the employment plan are appropriate based
 412.34 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~~
 163.3 ~~of the assistance unit's shelter costs. The residual amount of the grant after vendor payment,~~
 163.4 ~~if any, must be reduced by an amount~~ are equal to 30 a reduction of five percent of the cash
 163.5 ~~portion of the MFIP standard of need for an grant received by the assistance unit of the~~
 163.6 ~~same size before the residual grant is paid to the assistance unit.~~ The reduction in the grant
 163.7 amount must be in effect for a minimum of one month and shall be removed in the month
 163.8 following the month that the participant in a one-parent assistance unit returns to compliance,
 163.9 unless the requirements in paragraph (h) are met. In a two-parent assistance unit, the grant
 163.10 reduction must be in effect for a minimum of one month and shall be removed in the month
 163.11 following the month both participants return to compliance, unless the requirements in
 163.12 paragraph (h) are met. ~~The vendor payment of shelter costs and, if applicable, utilities shall~~
 163.13 ~~be removed six months after the month in which the participant or participants return to~~
 163.14 ~~compliance.~~ When an assistance unit comes into compliance with the requirements in section
 163.15 256.741, or shows good cause under section 256.741, subdivision 10, or 256J.57, the sanction
 163.16 occurrences for that assistance unit shall be equal to zero sanctions. If an assistance unit is
 163.17 sanctioned under this clause, the participant's case file must be reviewed to determine if the
 163.18 employment plan is still appropriate.

163.19 (d) For a seventh consecutive occurrence of noncompliance by a participant in an
 163.20 assistance unit, ~~or when the participants in a two-parent assistance unit have a total of seven~~
 163.21 ~~occurrences of noncompliance,~~ the county agency shall close the MFIP assistance unit's
 163.22 financial assistance case, both including the cash and food portions, and redetermine the
 163.23 family's continued eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 163.24 payments. The MFIP case must remain closed for a minimum of one full month. Before the
 163.25 case is closed, the county agency must review the participant's case to determine if the
 163.26 employment plan is still appropriate and attempt to meet with the participant face-to-face.
 163.27 The participant may bring an advocate to the face-to-face meeting. If a face-to-face meeting
 163.28 is not conducted, the county agency must send the participant a written notice that includes
 163.29 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
 163.32 providing a needed preemployment activity, as defined in section 256J.49, subdivision 13,
 163.33 clause (9);

163.34 (ii) determine whether the participant qualifies for a good cause exception under section
 163.35 256J.57, or if the sanction is for noncooperation with child support requirements, determine
 164.1 if the participant qualifies for a good cause exemption under section 256.741, subdivision
 164.2 10;

164.3 (iii) determine whether the work activities in the employment plan are appropriate based
 164.4 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~~ an 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~~ an 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 (c), 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 (c), 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 ~~(d)~~ (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 ~~(d)~~ (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 (c) 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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) cash assistance benefits, as defined by each program in chapters 119B, 256D, 256I,

489.2 and 256J;

489.3 ~~(xii)~~ 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.

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- 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)~~ (ix) retirement benefits;
- 175.5 ~~(xi)~~ (x) 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;

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.

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) 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.

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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.

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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 \$9,000 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 \$9,000 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;₂
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;₂
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

423.26 3, an assistance unit participating in the Minnesota supplemental aid program under ~~section~~

423.27 ~~256D.44, subdivision 5, paragraph (g), within ten days of the change,~~ chapter 256D and not

423.28 ~~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

424.3 5, paragraph (g), including assistance units that also receive Supplemental Security Income,

424.4 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

424.9 to read:

424.10 Subd. 8. **Housing support-specific reporting.** (a) In addition to subdivision 3, an

424.11 assistance unit participating in the housing support program under chapter 256I and not

424.12 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

424.15 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

424.17 housing support under chapter 256I, including an assistance unit that receives Supplemental

424.18 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

424.22 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

179.14 3, an assistance unit participating in the Minnesota supplemental aid program under ~~section~~

179.15 ~~256D.44, subdivision 5, paragraph (g), within ten days of the change,~~ chapter 256D and not

179.16 ~~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

179.20 5, paragraph (g), including assistance units that also receive Supplemental Security Income,

179.21 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

179.26 to read:

179.27 Subd. 8. **Housing support-specific reporting.** (a) In addition to subdivision 3, an

179.28 assistance unit participating in the housing support program under chapter 256I and not

179.29 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

180.3 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

180.5 housing support under chapter 256I, including an assistance unit that receives Supplemental

180.6 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

180.10 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, ~~diversionary 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.