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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; allowing exclusions from income under MinnesotaCare for
1.3 certain medical expenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 256L.01,
1.4 subdivision 5; 256L.04, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256L.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Income.** (a) "Income" has the meaning given for earned and unearned
1.8 income for families and children in the medical assistance program, according to the
1.9 state's aid to families with dependent children plan in effect as of July 16, 1996. The
1.10 definition does not include medical assistance income methodologies and deeming
1.11 requirements. The earned income of full-time and part-time students under age 19 is
1.12 not counted as income. Public assistance payments and supplemental security income
1.13 are not excluded income. Expenses related to the care and treatment of life-threatening,
1.14 ongoing medical conditions shall be excluded from income as provided under section
1.15 256L.04, subdivision 14.

1.16 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, and unless otherwise specified in this section,
1.17 the commissioner shall use reasonable methods to calculate gross earned and unearned
1.18 income including, but not limited to, projecting income based on income received within
1.19 the past 30 days, the last 90 days, or the last 12 months.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2007, or upon HealthMatch
1.21 implementation, whichever is later, and applies to applications submitted on or after
1.22 that date.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256L.04, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.2 to read:

2.3 Subd. 14. **Persons with life-threatening medical conditions.** When determining
2.4 eligibility for an applicant with a life-threatening, ongoing medical condition, the
2.5 commissioner shall exclude from the income of the applicant an amount equal to
2.6 documented medical expenses incurred by the applicant for the care and treatment of
2.7 the medical condition. The commissioner shall continue to exclude this amount when
2.8 renewing eligibility for the individual. For purposes of this subdivision, "life-threatening,
2.9 ongoing medical condition" means a condition listed as a presumptive condition for
2.10 purposes of obtaining coverage under the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2007, or upon HealthMatch
2.12 implementation, whichever is later, and applies to applications submitted on or after
2.13 that date.