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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; waiving the four-month waiting period for unemployed
1.3 persons for MinnesotaCare; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2008, section 256L.07, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256L.07, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 8. Temporary eligibility for unemployed persons. (a) Any person
1.9 receiving unemployment compensation under chapter 268 and who continues to meet the
1.10 definition of unemployed defined in section 268.035, subdivision 26, is exempt from the
1.11 four-month waiting period described in subdivision 3. The commissioner of employment
1.12 and economic development shall provide written notice of this eligibility change to all
1.13 persons receiving unemployment compensation. Persons eligible for services under
1.14 this subdivision shall be provided health benefits on a fee-for-service basis with state
1.15 only funds, and are exempt from managed care enrollment under section 256L.12. The
1.16 commissioner of human services shall seek approval for federal matching funds within 30
1.17 days of the effective date of this subdivision.

1.18 (b) For individuals eligible under paragraph (a) the following provisions are waived:

1.19 (i) the asset requirement under 256L.04;

1.20 (ii) the income limit for spouses under 256L.04, subdivision 10a; and

1.21 (iii) the application requirements under 256L.05.

1.22 (c) Individuals requesting health benefits under this subdivision must provide a
1.23 sworn statement to the commissioner of employment and economic development that the
1.24 individual's only income is the amount received as unemployment compensation.

2.1 (d) After six months of receiving health benefits under this subdivision, individuals
2.2 must reapply for MinnesotaCare and all requirements under chapter 256L apply.

2.3 This subdivision expires July 1, 2011.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2009.

2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.6 \$..... is appropriated from the health care access fund to the commissioner of
2.7 human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, for the purposes of Minnesota
2.8 Statutes, section 256L.07, subdivision 8.