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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

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring state health care program coverage of certain items
1.3 necessary to reduce asthma symptoms; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008,
1.4 section 256B.0625, subdivision 31.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.0625, subdivision 31, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 31. **Medical supplies and equipment.** (a) Medical assistance covers medical
1.9 supplies and equipment. Separate payment outside of the facility's payment rate shall
1.10 be made for wheelchairs and wheelchair accessories for recipients who are residents
1.11 of intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled. Reimbursement for
1.12 wheelchairs and wheelchair accessories for ICF/MR recipients shall be subject to the same
1.13 conditions and limitations as coverage for recipients who do not reside in institutions. A
1.14 wheelchair purchased outside of the facility's payment rate is the property of the recipient.

1.15 (b) For individuals under age 21, medical assistance coverage of durable medical
1.16 equipment includes, but is not limited to: high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) cleaners,
1.17 HEPA vacuum cleaners, allergy bed and pillow encasements, high filtration filters for
1.18 forced air gas furnaces, and dehumidifiers with medical tubing to connect the appliance to
1.19 a floor drain, if the listed item is medically necessary to reduce asthma symptoms.