

This Document can be made available  
in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**EIGHTY-SIXTH  
SESSION**

**HOUSE FILE No. 498**

February 2, 2009

Authored by Murphy, E.

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; requiring state funding for investigation of tuberculosis cases;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 144.4812.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 144.4812, is amended to read:

1.6 **144.4812 COSTS OF CARE.**

1.7 (a) The costs incurred by the treatment facility and other providers of services to  
1.8 diagnose or treat the carrier for tuberculosis must be borne by the carrier, the carrier's  
1.9 health plan, or public programs. During the period of insurance coverage, a health plan  
1.10 may direct the implementation of the care required by the health order or court order  
1.11 and shall pay at the contracted rate of payment, which shall be considered payment in  
1.12 full. Inpatient hospital services required by the health order or court order and covered  
1.13 by medical assistance or general assistance medical care are not billable to any other  
1.14 governmental entity. If the carrier cannot pay for treatment, and the carrier does not have  
1.15 public or private health insurance coverage, the carrier shall apply for financial assistance  
1.16 with the aid of the county. For persons not otherwise eligible for public assistance, the  
1.17 commissioner of human services shall determine what, if any, costs the carrier shall pay.  
1.18 The commissioner of human services shall make payments at the general assistance  
1.19 medical care rate, which will be considered payment in full.

1.20 (b) The state shall reimburse local public health departments for the total cost  
1.21 of investigating tuberculosis cases and providing supervision of treatment and care to  
1.22 individuals with tuberculosis.