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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 human services; extending and modifying eligibility for the COBRA
1.3 premium state subsidy; amending Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 5, section 78,
1.4 subdivisions 1, 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 5, section 78, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** (a) An individual and the individual's qualified
1.9 beneficiaries shall be eligible for a state premium subsidy equal to 35 percent of the
1.10 premiums the individual is required to pay for the continuation of health care coverage
1.11 under COBRA, if the individual and the individual's qualified beneficiaries:

1.12 (1) are eligible for the 65 percent COBRA continuation premium subsidy for health
1.13 care coverage under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or the
1.14 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010, Public Law 111-118;

1.15 (2) elect COBRA continuation health care coverage; and

1.16 (3) are eligible for medical assistance under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B;
1.17 general assistance medical care under Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.03; temporary
1.18 general assistance medical care; or MinnesotaCare under Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.19 256L, except for the four-month barrier requirement under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.20 256L.07, subdivision 3.

1.21 (b) Eligibility for the state subsidy shall continue for as long as the individual
1.22 remains eligible for the COBRA premium subsidies provided under the American
1.23 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or the Department of Defense Appropriations
1.24 Act, 2010, Public Law 111-118.

2.1 Sec. 2. Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 5, section 78, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** This section expires ~~December 31, 2010~~ May 31, 2011.