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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 and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; requiring medical assistance providers to use oral
1.3 language interpreters who are listed in the interpreter registry or roster; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.0625, subdivision 18a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.0625, subdivision 18a, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 18a. **Access to medical services.** (a) Medical assistance reimbursement for
1.9 meals for persons traveling to receive medical care may not exceed \$5.50 for breakfast,
1.10 \$6.50 for lunch, or \$8 for dinner.

1.11 (b) Medical assistance reimbursement for lodging for persons traveling to receive
1.12 medical care may not exceed \$50 per day unless prior authorized by the local agency.

1.13 (c) Medical assistance direct mileage reimbursement to the eligible person or the
1.14 eligible person's driver may not exceed 20 cents per mile.

1.15 (d) Regardless of the number of employees that an enrolled health care provider
1.16 may have, medical assistance covers sign and oral language interpreter services when
1.17 provided by an enrolled health care provider during the course of providing a direct,
1.18 person-to-person covered health care service to an enrolled recipient with limited English
1.19 proficiency or who has a hearing loss and uses interpreting services. Coverage for oral
1.20 language interpreter services shall be provided only if the oral language interpreter used
1.21 by the enrolled health care provider is listed in the registry or roster established under
1.22 section 144.058.

1.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2010.