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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; expanding medical assistance eligibility to include
1.3 certain adults without children; appropriating money; including a repealer;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 256B.055, by adding a subdivision;
1.5 256B.056, subdivision 4.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.055, is amended by adding a
1.8 subdivision to read:

1.9 Subd. 15. **Adults without children.** Medical assistance may be paid for a person
1.10 who is over age 21 and under age 65, who is not pregnant, and who is not described in
1.11 subdivision 4, 7, or another subdivision of this section.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 1, 2010.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.056, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.14 Subd. 4. **Income.** (a) To be eligible for medical assistance, a person eligible under
1.15 section 256B.055, subdivisions 7, 7a, and 12, may have income up to 100 percent of
1.16 the federal poverty guidelines. Effective January 1, 2000, and each successive January,
1.17 recipients of supplemental security income may have an income up to the supplemental
1.18 security income standard in effect on that date.

1.19 (b) To be eligible for medical assistance, families and children may have an income
1.20 up to 133-1/3 percent of the AFDC income standard in effect under the July 16, 1996,
1.21 AFDC state plan. Effective July 1, 2000, the base AFDC standard in effect on July 16,
1.22 1996, shall be increased by three percent.

2.1 (c) Effective July 1, 2002, to be eligible for medical assistance, families and children
2.2 may have an income up to 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the family size.

2.3 (d) In computing income to determine eligibility of persons under paragraphs (a)
2.4 to (c) and (e) who are not residents of long-term care facilities, the commissioner shall
2.5 disregard increases in income as required by Public Law Numbers 94-566, section 503;
2.6 99-272; and 99-509. Veterans aid and attendance benefits and Veterans Administration
2.7 unusual medical expense payments are considered income to the recipient.

2.8 (e) Effective January 1, 2011, to be eligible for medical assistance, a person eligible
2.9 under section 256B.055, subdivision 15, may have income up to 75 percent of the federal
2.10 poverty guidelines for family size.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 1, 2010.

2.12 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.13 (a) \$..... is appropriated from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30,
2.14 2011, to the commissioner of human services to implement sections 1 and 2.

2.15 (b) \$..... is appropriated from the health care access fund for the biennium ending
2.16 June 30, 2011, to the commissioner of human services to implement sections 1 and 2.

2.17 Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

2.18 Laws 2010, chapter, (GAMC bill), is repealed effective April 1, 2010.