

Subject MFIP reporting requirements modified

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Overview

This bill modifies MFIP reporting requirements to make assistance payment calculations based on prospective budgeting rather than retrospective budgeting and extends income reporting from monthly to once every six months.

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) is a jointly funded, federal-state program that provides income assistance to eligible low-income families.

Summary

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| 1 | SNAP reporting requirements.
Amends § 256D.0516, subd. 2. Makes a conforming change related to SNAP reporting requirements. |
| 2 | Six-month income test.
Amends § 256J.08, subd. 61. Changes the term “monthly income test” to “six-month income test” under the chapter of statutes governing MFIP. |
| 3 | Initial income test.
Amends § 256J.21, subd. 3. Specifies that the MFIP assistance payment calculation is based on prospective budgeting and a six-month income test rather than a monthly income test. |
| 4 | Six-month income test and determination of assistance payment.
Amends § 256J.21, subd. 4. Requires county agencies to determine ongoing MFIP eligibility and the assistance payment based on prospective budgeting and a six-month income test rather than a monthly income test. Makes conforming changes. |

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5	<p>Determination of eligibility.</p> <p>Amends § 256J.33, subd. 1. Makes conforming changes related to using prospective budgeting rather than retrospective budgeting and a six-month income test rather than monthly income tests to determine MFIP income eligibility.</p>
6	<p>Prospective eligibility.</p> <p>Amends § 256J.33, subd. 2. Makes conforming changes related to MFIP prospective budgeting.</p>
7	<p>Six-month income test.</p> <p>Amends § 256J.33, subd. 4. Makes conforming changes related to prospective budgeting and the six-month income test.</p>
8	<p>Prospective budgeting.</p> <p>Amends § 256J.34, subd. 1. Makes conforming changes related to using prospective budgeting to calculate the MFIP assistance payment amount.</p>
9	<p>Earned income of wage, salary, and contractual employees.</p> <p>Amends § 256J.37, subd. 3. Makes a conforming change related to using a six-month income test rather than a monthly income test under MFIP.</p>
10	<p>Repealer.</p> <p>Paragraph (a) repeals Minn. Stat. § 256J.30, subd. 7 (due date of MFIP household report form); 256J.33, subd. 3 (retrospective eligibility); and 256J.34, subds. 2 (retrospective budgeting), 3 (additional uses of retrospective budgeting), and 4 (significant change in gross income).</p> <p>Paragraph (b) repeals Minn. Stat. 2021 Supplement, § 256J.30, subd. 8 (late MFIP household report forms).</p>



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