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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner, when determining MinnesotaCare eligibility for an applicant with a life-threatening, ongoing medical condition, to exclude documented medical expenses related to the care and treatment of the condition. A life-threatening, ongoing medical condition is defined as one of the 47 presumptive conditions listed on the application form for coverage under the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA). Individuals with one of these conditions are considered to be presumptively eligible for MCHA coverage as uninsurable. Examples of a presumptive condition are cystic fibrosis, insulin dependent diabetes, leukemia, multiple sclerosis, myocardial infarction, and quadriplegia.

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- 1** **Income.** Amends § 256L.01, subd. 5. Requires expenses related to the care and treatment of life-threatening ongoing medical conditions to be excluded from income as provided under § 256L.04, subd. 14. Provides that this section is effective August 1, 2007 or upon HealthMatch implementation, and applies to applications submitted on or after that date.
- 2** **Persons with life threatening conditions.** Amends § 256L.04, by adding subd. 14. Requires the commissioner, when determining MinnesotaCare eligibility for an applicant with a life-threatening, ongoing medical condition, to exclude from income an amount equal to documented medical expenses incurred by the applicant for the care and treatment of the

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condition. Requires this amount to also be excluded when renewing eligibility. Defines "life threatening, ongoing medical condition" as one listed as a presumptive condition for purposes of obtaining coverage under the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association. States that the section is effective August 1, 2007, or upon HealthMatch implementation, and applies to applications submitted on or after that date.