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Section

1 **Firefighters; volunteer ambulance attendants.** (a) Defines a "qualified individual" as: (1) a volunteer firefighter with a department, who has passed the probationary period; and (2) a volunteer ambulance attendant.

(b) States that a qualified individual, who documents to the satisfaction of the commissioner status as a qualified individual, by completing and submitting a one-page form developed by the commissioner, is eligible for MinnesotaCare without meeting other eligibility requirements, but must pay the maximum premium.

The maximum premium is defined in § 256L.15, subdivision 2, paragraph (b) as "a base charge for one, two, or three or more individuals so that if all MinnesotaCare cases paid the maximum premium, the total revenue would equal the total cost of MinnesotaCare medical coverage and administration." The maximum premium for two enrollees must be twice the maximum premium for one, and the maximum premium for three or more enrollees must be three times the maximum premium for one.