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Overview

The 2007 Legislature modified the definition of income used by MinnesotaCare for self-employed farmers, by eliminating the requirement that depreciation be added back to income. This change would have affected both eligibility determinations and premium levels. The provision was effective July 1, 2007, or upon federal approval. The request for federal approval was submitted as part of the state's request for an extension of its Prepaid Medical Assistance Project Plus federal waiver. While the federal government approved extension of the waiver in the Fall of 2008, it denied the state's request to eliminate the add-back of depreciation. This bill requires the commissioner to resubmit this request for federal approval.

Section

- 1 Federal approval request.** Directs the commissioner of human services to resubmit for federal approval a provision passed in Laws 2007, chapter 147, article 5, section 19 (but later denied by the federal government), which required the commissioner to eliminate the add-back of depreciation when determining income under MinnesotaCare for self-employed farmers.