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Overview

This bill increases the MA asset and spenddown standards for persons who are age 65 and over, blind, or have a disability. Under a spenddown, an individual with income that exceeds the relevant MA income standard can qualify for MA if he or she has incurred medical bills in amounts that are equal to or greater than the amount by which his or her income exceeds the relevant spenddown standard for the spenddown period. For persons who are age 65 and over, blind, or have a disability, the MA income standard is 100 percent of FPG, and the current spenddown standard is 80 percent of FPG. This bill would raise the spenddown standard to the level of the income standard.

Section

- 1** **Asset limitations for certain individuals.** Amends § 256B.056, subd. 3. Increases the MA asset standard for persons who are age 65 and over, blind, or have a disability from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for an individual and from \$6,000 to \$18,000 for a household of two or more. Also eliminates the asset limit increase of \$200 for each additional legal dependent. Provides a July 1, 2017, effective date.
- 2** **Excess income standard.** Amends § 256B.056, subd. 5c. Effective July 1, 2017, increases the excess income (spenddown) standard for persons who are age 65 and over, blind, or have a disability from 80 percent to 100 percent of FPG. Provides a July 1, 2017, effective date.