

Subject Public Assistance Income Eligibility

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Overview

This bill makes changes to counted income for the purpose of determining public assistance program eligibility for various programs including child care assistance, medical assistance (MA), MFIP, and MinnesotaCare.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Eligibility; annual income; calculation.</p> <p>Amends § 119B.09, subd. 4. For purposes of determining income eligibility under the child care assistance programs, clarifies that allowable operating expenses are those authorized by the IRS for self-employment income calculations. Specifies that income includes all deposits into accounts owned or controlled by a child care assistance applicant, with certain exceptions.</p>
2	<p>Income.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.02, by adding subd. 20. Specifies how income is calculated and what is included in income under the MA program.</p>
3	<p>Asset limitations for certain individuals.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.056, subd. 3. For purposes of MA eligibility, clarifies that a bank account that contains personal income or assets, or is used to pay personal expenses, is not a capital or operating asset of a trade or business.</p>
4	<p>Income.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.056, subd. 4. For purposes of determining MA eligibility, includes all assets available to the applicant that are considered income according to the IRS. Specifies that income includes all deposits into accounts owned or controlled by the applicant, with certain exceptions.</p>
5	<p>Income.</p> <p>Amends § 256J.08, subd. 47. Modifies the definition of “income” under the MFIP program. Requires an applicant to document that a property is not available to them.</p>

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6	<p>Income exclusions.</p> <p>Amends § 256J.21, subd. 2. Modifies the list of income exclusions under MFIP by requiring families to provide more specific documentation related to loans and specifying that in-kind income does not include in-kind payments of living expenses.</p>
7	<p>Income.</p> <p>Amends § 256L.01, subd. 5. Modifies the definition of “income” under the MinnesotaCare program. Specifies that income includes amounts deposited into checking and savings accounts for personal expenses.</p>
8	<p>Factors to be verified.</p> <p>Amends § 256P.04, subd. 4. Specifies the information that must be verified related to checking and savings accounts when processing an application for various public assistance programs. Adds loans and direct or indirect gifts of money to the list of factors that must be verified at application.</p>
9	<p>Income inclusions.</p> <p>Amends § 256P.06, subd. 3. Adds language specifying how earned income from self-employment must be calculated when determining the income of an assistance unit under various public assistance programs.</p>



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