

Subject Postpartum Health Coverage

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Overview

Medical Assistance (MA) provides coverage for pregnant women with incomes up to 278 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG). Women remain eligible for MA for 60 days postpartum, and may be eligible for MinnesotaCare if their incomes do not exceed 200 percent of FPG. This bill exempts persons terminated from MA eligibility as pregnant women from MinnesotaCare cost-sharing and premiums for the 12-month postpartum period, and requires the commissioner of human services to present recommendations to the legislature on methods to ensure continuous health care coverage for women and infants following the MA postpartum period.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Cost-sharing.</p> <p>Amends § 256L.03, subd. 5. Exempts women who enrolled in MinnesotaCare following termination of MA eligibility as pregnant women from MinnesotaCare copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles, for the 12-month postpartum period.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Sliding fee scale; monthly individual or family income.</p> <p>Amends § 256L.15, subd. 2. Exempts women who enrolled in MinnesotaCare following termination of MA eligibility as pregnant women from MinnesotaCare premiums, for the 12-month postpartum period.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Continuous coverage during postpartum period.</p> <p>Requires the commissioner of human services to examine methods to ensure continuous health care coverage for women and infants following the MA 60-day postpartum coverage period, including extending MA coverage through a federal 1115 waiver. Requires the commissioner to present recommendations to the legislature by December 15, 2020.</p> |



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