

Subject MA eligibility presumptive disability determination process established

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Overview

This bill establishes presumptive eligibility and disability determination processes for specified medical assistance (MA) hospital patients and makes conforming statutory changes.

Article 1: Presumptive Disability Determinations

This article establishes presumptive eligibility and disability determination processes for specified MA hospital patients.

Section	Description - Article 1: Presumptive Disability Determinations
1	<p>Persons age 65 or older.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.055, subd. 7. Removes MA categorical eligibility criteria for persons with disabilities or who are blind and moves that language to a new subdivision (see subd. 7b), which leaves only the categorical eligibility criteria for persons age 65 or older in this subdivision.</p> <p>Provides a July 1, 2025, effective date.</p>
2	<p>Persons who are blind or determined disabled.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.055, by adding subd. 7b. Contains the MA categorical eligibility criteria for persons with disabilities or who are blind, which was moved from subd. 7.</p> <p>Provides a July 1, 2025, effective date.</p>
3	<p>Asset limitation for certain individuals.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.056, subd. 3. Clarifies treatment of assets under the TEFRA option for determining MA eligibility for children with disabilities.</p> <p>Provides a July 1, 2025, effective date.</p>

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4	Income.
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	Amends § 256B.056, subd. 4. Clarifies the treatment of income under the TEFRA option for determining MA eligibility for children with disabilities.
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5	Presumptive eligibility determinations made by qualified hospitals.
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	Amends § 256B.057, subd. 12. Requires the commissioner to establish a process by which qualifying hospitals may determine presumptive MA eligibility for applicants who are aged 65 and older, who have a disability, or who are blind, if the applicant also has a presumptive disability determination under section 256B.057, subd. 13. Specifies the period of MA eligibility following a presumptive eligibility determination and clarifies the calculation of the ratio of applicants determined eligible for MA through the regular application process versus applicants determined presumptively eligible by the qualified hospital.
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6	Presumptive disability determinations made by qualified hospitals.
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	Amends § 256B.057, by adding subd. 13. Requires the commissioner to establish a process by which qualifying hospitals may determine presumptive disability for the purposes of MA eligibility, including under the TEFRA option, and for the purpose of establishing eligibility under MA for long-term care services and waiver services. Limits the applicants for whom a hospital may make presumptive disability determinations to applicants: (1) who screen positive for a newborn screening condition that urgently requires diagnostic testing or treatment; (2) who have been diagnosed with a condition on the Social Security Administration's list of compassionate allowance conditions and who urgently require treatment; or (3) who cannot be safely discharged from the hospital without a disability determination.
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Article 2: Conforming Changes

Article 2 contains conforming statutory changes relating to moving the categorical MA eligibility criteria for people with disabilities or who are blind from section 256B.055, subdivision 7, to subdivision 7b.



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