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S.F. No. 1272 – Notice of the Medical Assistance Program for Employed Persons with Disabilities Requirement (as amended the by A-1 author's amendment)

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Section 1 [256B.04, subdivision 26] modifies the commissioner of human services duties with respect to the medical assistance program by requiring the commissioner to provide people with disabilities with information regarding the employed persons with disabilities program.

Section 2 (256B.056, subdivision 3) modifies the eligibility requirements for a person to be enrolled in medical assistance under the employed persons with disabilities program by eliminating the asset limit for such enrollees. Under current law there is no asset limit to be enrolled as an adult without children.

Section 3 (256B.057, subdivision 9, paragraphs (a) to old (i)) modifies the eligibility requirements for a person to be enrolled in medical assistance under the employed persons with disabilities program by making conforming changes related to eliminating the asset limit for such enrollees and by eliminating the requirement that enrollees pay a monthly premium.

New paragraph (g) modifies a current benefit under the medical assistance employed persons with disabilities program by extending coverage of Medicare cost sharing to all MA-EPD enrollees regardless of income. Under current law, only MA-EPD enrollees whose income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for coverage of Medicare Part B (non-hospital medical coverage). New paragraph (g) expands the benefit to coverage of premiums for Medicare Part A (hospital coverage) as well as coinsurance and deductibles for both Part A and Part B.

New paragraph (h) requires the commissioner to allow anyone who was previously disenrolled from the MA-EPD program for nonpayment of MA-EPD premiums to apply to enroll without penalty associated with prior nonpayments.