

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2 as follows:

1.2 Page 2, line 6, delete "subdivision 3" and insert "subdivisions 3 and 3a"

1.3 Page 45, line 32, after "deduction" insert "except as provided under subdivision 3a"

1.4 Page 46, after line 3, insert:

1.5 "Subd. 3a. **Medical assistance provider charge back.** (a) For the purposes of this
1.6 subdivision, "medical assistance provider" means a medical assistance enrolled provider
1.7 that provides any medical assistance service authorized or reimbursed under chapters 256B,
1.8 256R, or 256S.

1.9 (b) Notwithstanding the permissible employee charge back provisions under subdivision
1.10 3, a medical assistance provider may not deduct any amount of annual premiums paid under
1.11 this section from the wages earned by any employees while providing a service or performing
1.12 a task reimbursable under medical assistance."

1.13 Page 64, after line 21, insert:

1.14 "Sec. 37. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; RATES**
1.15 **FOR EMPLOYERS OF DIRECT CARE OR DIRECT SUPPORT WORKERS.**

1.16 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "medical assistance provider"
1.17 has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 268B.14, subdivision 3a.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Rate increases for employers of direct care workers.** Beginning July 1, 2025,
1.19 the commissioner of human services must increase the medical assistance reimbursement
1.20 rates of all medical assistance providers by an amount sufficient to cover 100 percent of the
1.21 employer premiums paid under Minnesota Statutes, section 268B.14, on the wages earned
1.22 by any employee while providing a service or performing a task reimbursable under medical
1.23 assistance.

1.24 Subd. 3. **Draft legislation required.** By January 1, 2025, for any medical assistance
1.25 rates established in Minnesota Statutes that reimburse medical assistance providers, the
1.26 commissioner must develop draft legislation to incorporate the rate increase described in
1.27 subdivision 2 into the rate or rate framework and submit the draft legislation to the chairs
1.28 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees or divisions with jurisdiction
1.29 over human services finance. The commissioner must not construe the draft legislation not
1.30 being enacted as relieving the commissioner of the commissioner's duty to increase rates
1.31 as required under subdivision 2. If the draft legislation is enacted, implementation of the

- 2.1 statutory rate increases will satisfy the requirements of subdivision 2 with respect to providers
- 2.2 reimbursed under those rates."
- 2.3 Renumber the sections in sequence