

**SENATE**  
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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to human services; increasing the medical assistance income and

1.3 spenddown limits for persons with disabilities and persons age 65 and over;

1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.056, subdivision 4.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.056, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Income.** (a) To be eligible for medical assistance, a person eligible under section

1.8 256B.055, subdivisions 7, 7a, and 12, may have income up to ~~100~~ 133 percent of the federal

1.9 poverty guidelines. Effective January 1, 2000, and each successive January, recipients of

1.10 Supplemental Security Income may have an income up to the Supplemental Security Income

1.11 standard in effect on that date.

1.12 (b) To be eligible for medical assistance under section 256B.055, subdivision 3a, a parent

1.13 or caretaker relative may have an income up to 133 percent of the federal poverty guidelines

1.14 for the household size.

1.15 (c) To be eligible for medical assistance under section 256B.055, subdivision 15, a

1.16 person may have an income up to 133 percent of federal poverty guidelines for the household

1.17 size.

1.18 (d) To be eligible for medical assistance under section 256B.055, subdivision 16, a child

1.19 age 19 to 20 may have an income up to 133 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for

1.20 the household size.

2.1 (e) To be eligible for medical assistance under section 256B.055, subdivision 3a, a child  
2.2 under age 19 may have income up to 275 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for the  
2.3 household size.

2.4 (f) In computing income to determine eligibility of persons under paragraphs (a) to (e)  
2.5 who are not residents of long-term care facilities, the commissioner shall disregard increases  
2.6 in income as required by Public Laws 94-566, section 503; 99-272; and 99-509. For persons  
2.7 eligible under paragraph (a), veteran aid and attendance benefits and Veterans Administration  
2.8 unusual medical expense payments are considered income to the recipient.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2024.