

# BRING EQUITY TO MINNESOTA'S MA PROGRAM

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## REBECCA'S STORY

My name is Rebecca Preston, I live in Golden Valley. I have lived with a brain injury since 2005 when I was T-Boned by a drunk driver. I struggle with a cognitive disability, which keeps me from being as organized as I want to be. I am thankful for the CADI waiver through Medical Assistance that I have been using for the past 14 years. This gives me the support I need to live independently.

The problem is that my SSDI income, about \$1,200 a month, puts me over the "income limit" in the elderly and disabled category for MA. **This is the only place where I can get the home and community services that I need.**

This brings me to the spend-down, which for me, means I have to pay a portion of that income back to the state each month to get my MA services. That does not leave a lot of money left to live on.

The MA income limit for people with brain injury and other disabilities desperately needs to be raised. **Please support this legislation so that I can keep more of my Social Security Disability Income to pay for my cost of living and get the services and support I need to live independently in my community.**



## WHAT THIS BILL WOULD DO:

Reduce requirements that impoverish low-income individuals with brain injury and other disabilities while bringing more equity to Minnesota's MA Program:



Increase Qualifying Income Standard to 133% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG)



Eliminate or increase Qualifying Asset Standard to \$20,000 for individual/\$40,000 married couple



Overall putting more money in people with disabilities' pockets while they can get the care they justifiably qualify for.

**Show you support people with disabilities by voting to reduce the inequity in the MA program**

**Increase in the Medical Assistance income and spend down standard**



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