



S.F. No. 143 (as amended by the A-1 amendment) – Medical assistance coverage of prescription drugs in cases of cost-effective health coverage clarification

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Section Summaries

Section 1 (amends Minn. Stat. § 256B.0625, subd. 15) The existing language in this subdivision requires the medical assistance program to pay premiums and co-payments for medical assistance enrollees that also have coverage through other health plans, if the commissioner of human services determines such coverage to be cost-effective. The amendment to this subdivision extends this payment requirement to premiums and co-payments for prescription drug coverage.

Section 2 (amends Minn. Stat. § 256B.0625, subd. 25b) This section provides that the commissioner of human services is not required to authorize the applicable prescription drug coverage for the medical assistance program to make the new cost-sharing payments described in section 1 of the bill. This new provision clarifies that no commissioner authorization is necessary, regardless of the prescribed quantity or whether the drug is on the medical assistance program's preferred drug list.

