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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Human Services Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; modifying eligibility for group residential housing;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 256I.04, subdivision 1; 256I.06,
1.4 subdivision 8.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256I.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Individual eligibility requirements.** An individual is eligible for and
1.8 entitled to a group residential housing payment to be made on the individual's behalf if the
1.9 agency has approved the individual's residence in a group residential housing setting and
1.10 the individual meets the requirements in paragraph (a) ~~or~~, (b), or (c).

1.11 (a) The individual is aged, blind, or is over 18 years of age and disabled as determined
1.12 under the criteria used by the title II program of the Social Security Act, and meets the
1.13 resource restrictions and standards of section 256P.02, and the individual's countable income
1.14 after deducting the (1) exclusions and disregards of the SSI program, (2) the medical
1.15 assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35, and (3) an amount equal to the
1.16 income actually made available to a community spouse by an elderly waiver participant
1.17 under the provisions of sections 256B.0575, paragraph (a), clause (4), and 256B.058,
1.18 subdivision 2, is less than the monthly rate specified in the agency's agreement with the
1.19 provider of group residential housing in which the individual resides.

1.20 (b) The individual meets a category of eligibility under section 256D.05, subdivision 1,
1.21 paragraph (a), clauses (1), (3), (5) to (9), and (14), and paragraph (b), if applicable, and the
1.22 individual's resources are less than the standards specified by section 256P.02, and the
1.23 individual's countable income as determined under section 256P.06, less the medical

2.1 assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35 is less than the monthly rate
2.2 specified in the agency's agreement with the provider of group residential housing in which
2.3 the individual resides.

2.4 (c) The individual receives licensed residential crisis stabilization services under section
2.5 256B.0624, subdivision 7, and is receiving medical assistance. The individual may receive
2.6 concurrent group residential housing payments if receiving licensed residential crisis
2.7 stabilization services under section 256B.0624, subdivision 7.

2.8 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256I.06, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

2.9 Subd. 8. **Amount of group residential housing payment.** (a) The amount of a group
2.10 residential housing payment to be made on behalf of an eligible individual is determined
2.11 by subtracting the individual's countable income under section 256I.04, subdivision 1, for
2.12 a whole calendar month from the group residential housing charge for that same month.
2.13 The group residential housing charge is determined by multiplying the group residential
2.14 housing rate times the period of time the individual was a resident or temporarily absent
2.15 under section 256I.05, subdivision 1c, paragraph (d).

2.16 (b) For an individual with earned income under paragraph (a), prospective budgeting
2.17 must be used to determine the amount of the individual's payment for the following six-month
2.18 period. An increase in income shall not affect an individual's eligibility or payment amount
2.19 until the month following the reporting month. A decrease in income shall be effective the
2.20 first day of the month after the month in which the decrease is reported.

2.21 (c) For an individual who receives licensed residential crisis stabilization services under
2.22 section 256B.0624, subdivision 7, the amount of group residential housing payment is
2.23 determined by multiplying the group residential housing rate times the period of time the
2.24 individual was a resident.