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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; providing medical assistance coverage for certain  
1.3 parking expenses using state-only funding; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016,  
1.4 section 256B.0625, subdivision 18a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 256B.0625, subdivision 18a, is amended to  
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 18a. **Access to medical services.** (a) Medical assistance reimbursement for meals  
1.9 for persons traveling to receive medical care may not exceed \$5.50 for breakfast, \$6.50 for  
1.10 lunch, or \$8 for dinner.

1.11 (b) Medical assistance reimbursement for lodging for persons traveling to receive medical  
1.12 care may not exceed \$50 per day unless prior authorized by the local agency.

1.13 (c) Regardless of the number of employees that an enrolled health care provider may  
1.14 have, medical assistance covers sign and oral language interpreter services when provided  
1.15 by an enrolled health care provider during the course of providing a direct, person-to-person  
1.16 covered health care service to an enrolled recipient with limited English proficiency or who  
1.17 has a hearing loss and uses interpreting services. Coverage for face-to-face oral language  
1.18 interpreter services shall be provided only if the oral language interpreter used by the enrolled  
1.19 health care provider is listed in the registry or roster established under section 144.058.

1.20 (d) Medical assistance covers parking expenses when necessary to allow an enrollee to  
1.21 obtain a covered health service. State-only funded medical assistance covers parking expenses  
1.22 when necessary to allow an individual to visit a spouse who is receiving inpatient hospital  
1.23 services, and one or both of the individuals is a medical assistance enrollee.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.