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State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

**H. F. No. 5**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to human services; exempting women from MinnesotaCare premiums;
- 1.3 requiring commissioner of human services to provide recommendations on ensuring
- 1.4 continuous health coverage for women transitioning from medical assistance
- 1.5 postpartum coverage; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256L.15,
- 1.6 subdivision 2.
- 1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 256L.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 1.9 Subd. 2. **Sliding fee scale; monthly individual or family income.** (a) The commissioner
- 1.10 shall establish a sliding fee scale to determine the percentage of monthly individual or family
- 1.11 income that households at different income levels must pay to obtain coverage through the
- 1.12 MinnesotaCare program. The sliding fee scale must be based on the enrollee's monthly
- 1.13 individual or family income.
- 1.14 (b) ~~Beginning January 1, 2014,~~ MinnesotaCare enrollees shall pay premiums according
- 1.15 to the premium scale specified in paragraph (d).
- 1.16 (c) Paragraph (b) does not apply to:
- 1.17 (1) children 20 years of age or younger; ~~and~~
- 1.18 (2) individuals with household incomes below 35 percent of the federal poverty
- 1.19 guidelines; and
- 1.20 (3) women who are eligible for MinnesotaCare immediately following termination of
- 1.21 medical assistance eligibility under section 256B.055, subdivision 6, for the ten months
- 1.22 following the month medical assistance ended.

2.1 (d) The following premium scale is established for each individual in the household who  
 2.2 is 21 years of age or older and enrolled in MinnesotaCare:

2.3	<b>Federal Poverty Guideline</b>	<b>Less than</b>	<b>Individual Premium</b>
2.4	<b>Greater than or Equal to</b>		<b>Amount</b>
2.5	35%	55%	\$4
2.6	55%	80%	\$6
2.7	80%	90%	\$8
2.8	90%	100%	\$10
2.9	100%	110%	\$12
2.10	110%	120%	\$14
2.11	120%	130%	\$15
2.12	130%	140%	\$16
2.13	140%	150%	\$25
2.14	150%	160%	\$37
2.15	160%	170%	\$44
2.16	170%	180%	\$52
2.17	180%	190%	\$61
2.18	190%	200%	\$71
2.19	200%		\$80

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022, or upon federal approval,  
 2.21 whichever is later.

2.22 **Sec. 2. CONTINUOUS COVERAGE DURING POSTPARTUM PERIOD.**

2.23 The commissioner of human services shall examine methods to ensure continuous health  
 2.24 care coverage for women and infants following the medical assistance 60-day postpartum  
 2.25 coverage period, including but not limited to extending medical assistance coverage by  
 2.26 submitting a federal section 1115 waiver. The commissioner shall present recommendations  
 2.27 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
 2.28 over health and human services policy and finance by December 15, 2021.