

**256.9365 PURCHASE OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV.**

Subdivision 1. **Program established.** The commissioner of human services shall establish a program to pay the cost of health plan premiums and cost sharing for prescriptions, including co-payments, deductibles, and coinsurance for persons who have contracted human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) to enable them to continue coverage under or enroll in a group or individual health plan. If a person is determined to be eligible under subdivision 2, the commissioner shall pay the health insurance premiums and prescription cost sharing, including co-payments and deductibles required under section 256B.0631. The commissioner shall not pay for that portion of a premium that is attributable to other family members or dependents or is paid by the individual's employer.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility requirements.** To be eligible for the program, an applicant must meet all eligibility requirements for Part B of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, Public Law 111-87, and enroll in the Minnesota Ryan White program.

Subd. 3. **Cost-effective coverage.** Requirements for the payment of individual plan premiums under this section must be designed to ensure that the state cost of paying an individual plan premium does not exceed the estimated state cost that would otherwise be incurred in the medical assistance program. The commissioner shall purchase the most cost-effective coverage available for eligible individuals.

**History:** 1990 c 568 art 3 s 15; 1991 c 292 art 4 s 18,19; 1995 c 207 art 6 s 13; 2016 c 158 art 2 s 64; 2017 c 59 s 7; 1Sp2019 c 9 art 5 s 33