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Overview

This bill increases the income limit for the prescription drug program for Medicare enrollees age 65 and over to 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, and establishes monthly deductibles based on a sliding scale for enrollees with incomes above 120 percent of the poverty guidelines.

Section

- 1 **Eligibility.** Amends § 256.955, subd. 2a. Increases the income limit for the prescription drug program for Medicare enrollees age 65 and over from the current 120 percent to 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.
- 2 **Cost sharing.** Amends § 256.955, subd. 7. Establishes monthly deductibles based on a sliding scale, for enrollees with incomes between 120 and 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.
- 3 **Appropriation.** Appropriates money from the general fund to the commissioner of human services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2003, to implement sections 1 and 2.
- 4 **Effective date.** States that sections 1 and 2 are effective January 1, 2002.