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### Section

- 1 **Prescription drug assistance.** Amends § 256.975, by adding subd. 9. (a) Requires the Minnesota board on aging to establish and administer a program to assist individuals in accessing programs by pharmaceutical manufacturers that provide free or discounted prescription drugs, or provide coverage for prescription drugs. Requires the board to use computer software programs to link individuals to appropriate programs. Also requires the board to make information on the program available and to coordinate the program with the Senior LinkAge line.  
  
(b) Requires the board to coordinate the program with the prescription drug program to ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, prescription drug program enrollees are transferred, and applicants referred, to the prescription drug assistance program.
- 2 **Transfer.** Provides funding for the program from money appropriated to the prescription drug program for the next biennium.