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Subject Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD)

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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of human services to provide notice of the MA-EPD program to MA enrollees who indicate they have a disability and modifies the MA-EPD program by eliminating asset limits and premiums.

MA-EPD covers people with disabilities who work and may also reimburse the cost of Medicare part B premiums for people with income below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The program may cover people with income or assets above the MA limits. Under current law, MA-EPD enrollees are required to pay a premium for coverage.

Summary

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1 Notice of employed persons with disabilities program.

Amends § 256B.04, by adding subd. 26. At the time of initial enrollment and at least annually thereafter, requires the commissioner to provide information on the MA-EPD program to all MA enrollees who indicate they have a disability.

2 Asset limitations for certain individuals.

Amends § 256B.056, subd. 3. Makes conforming changes related to the elimination of asset limits under the MA-EPD program.

Makes this section effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval, whichever occurs first. Requires the commissioner of human services to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

3 Employed persons with disabilities.

Amends § 256B.057, subd. 9. Eliminates asset limits and premiums under the MA-EPD program. Requires the commissioner to: (1) reimburse certain MA-EPD enrollees for Medicare part A premiums and part A and part B coinsurance and deductibles, within certain limits; and (2) permit any individual who was disenrolled for

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nonpayment of premiums previously required under MA-EPD to reapply for MA-EPD and be reenrolled if eligible without paying past due premiums.

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