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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Care and Human Services Policy and Oversight
February 8, 2010
By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Housing Finance and Policy and Public Health Finance Division
February 15, 2010
Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

A bill for an act

relating to human services; modifying medical assistance coverage under the asthma coverage demonstration project; amending Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 5, section 75, subdivision 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Laws 2009, chapter 79, article 5, section 75, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Medical assistance coverage.** The commissioner of human services shall establish a demonstration project to provide additional medical assistance coverage for a maximum of 200 American Indian children in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth who are burdened by health disparities associated with the cumulative health impact of toxic environmental exposures. Under this demonstration project, the additional medical assistance coverage for this population must include, but is not limited to, home environmental assessments for triggers of asthma, in-home asthma education on the proper medical management of asthma by a certified asthma educator or public health nurse with asthma management training limited to two visits per child. Coverage also includes the following durable medical equipment: high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) cleaners, HEPA vacuum cleaners, allergy bed and pillow encasements, high filtration filters for forced air gas furnaces, and dehumidifiers with medical tubing to connect the appliance to a floor drain, if the listed item is ~~medically necessary~~ useful to reduce asthma symptoms. Provision of these items of durable medical equipment must be preceded by a home environmental assessment for triggers of asthma and in-home asthma education on the proper medical management of asthma by a Certified Asthma Educator or public health nurse with asthma management training.