

Subject Uncompensated care relief programs

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## Overview

This bill establishes a hospital uncompensated care relief program and a community-based safety net provider uncompensated care relief program to provide payments to hospitals and community-based providers for a portion of their uncompensated care costs. It also modifies the fiscal year 2027 appropriation for the rural EMS uncompensated care pool payment program.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Hospital uncompensated care relief program.</b></p> <p>Adds § 144.5911. Establishes a hospital uncompensated care relief program administered by the commissioner of health and provides for issuance of payments to qualifying hospitals for qualifying uncompensated episodes of care.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment.</b> Requires the commissioner of health to establish a hospital uncompensated care relief program.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Definitions.</b> Defines terms for this section: commissioner, qualifying hospital, qualifying uncompensated episode of care.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Application for payments.</b> Specifies a qualifying hospital seeking a payment under this section must submit to the commissioner documentation of qualifying uncompensated episodes of care within a reporting period. Lists the reporting periods and specifies deadlines for qualifying hospitals to submit documentation to the commissioner.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Calculation of payments.</b> Directs the commissioner to determine each qualifying hospital's share of the total value of qualifying uncompensated episodes of care and to distribute payments proportionally based on each qualifying hospital's share of the statewide total. Provides a qualifying hospital must not receive more than ten percent of the money available for a reporting period, and requires the commissioner to reallocate money remaining after</p> |
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	<p>application of the ten percent limit among qualifying hospitals that have not reached the ten percent limit.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Distribution of payments.</b> Provides one half of the annual appropriation for this program must be allocated each reporting period, and specifies dates by which the commissioner must distribute payments each reporting period.</p>
2	<p><b>Community-based safety net provider uncompensated care relief program.</b> Adds § 144.5912. Establishes a community-based safety net provider uncompensated care relief program administered by the commissioner of health and provides for issuance of payments to qualifying community-based safety net providers for qualifying uncompensated episodes of care.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment.</b> Requires the commissioner of health to establish a community-based safety net provider uncompensated care relief program.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Definitions.</b> Defines terms for this section: commissioner, qualifying community-based safety net provider, qualifying uncompensated episode of care.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Application for payments.</b> Specifies a qualifying community-based safety net provider seeking a payment under this section must submit to the commissioner documentation of qualifying uncompensated episodes of care within a reporting period. Lists the reporting periods and specifies deadlines for qualifying community-based safety net providers to submit documentation to the commissioner.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Calculation of payments.</b> Directs the commissioner to determine each qualifying community-based safety net provider’s share of the total value of qualifying uncompensated episodes of care and to distribute payments proportionally based on each qualifying community-based safety net provider’s share of the statewide total. Provides a qualifying community-based safety net provider must not receive more than ten percent of the money available, and requires the commissioner to reallocate money remaining after application of the ten percent limit among qualifying community-based safety net providers that have not reached the ten percent limit.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Distribution of payments.</b> Provides one half of the annual appropriation for this program must be allocated each reporting period, and specifies dates by which the commissioner must distribute payments each reporting period.</p>
3	<p><b>Rural EMS uncompensated care pool payment program.</b> Amends Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 3, article 23, subdivision 2. Strikes the amount of the fiscal year 2027 appropriation from the general fund to the Office</p>

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	of Emergency Medical Services for the rural EMS uncompensated care pool payment program, and replaces it with a blank amount.
4	<b>Appropriations.</b> Makes blank appropriations in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the hospital uncompensated care relief program and the community-based safety net provider uncompensated care relief program.



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