

Subject Housing support supplemental rate

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Overview

This bill provides a supplementary services rate to a housing support provider located in Blue Earth County that operates long-term residential facilities with a total of 20 beds that serve chemically dependent women and provide 24-hour-a-day supervision and other support services.

The Housing Support Program (formerly known as Group Residential Housing or GRH) is a state program that provides payments on behalf of eligible persons to pay for room and board and related housing services. The Housing Support Program is funded with state general fund dollars and receives some federal reimbursement for food and nutrition costs.

Nearly all housing support providers are authorized to receive the housing support basic room and board rate of \$1,170 per month for group settings or \$1,220 per month for community settings. Recipients in certain housing support settings may also qualify for a supplemental payment that is in addition to this base rate.

In state fiscal year 2023, an average of 20,218 persons received housing support payments each month. Expenditures for the fiscal year were nearly \$200 million. The average monthly payment per person was \$794. More than half of housing support recipients are aged, blind, or disabled, and the rest of the recipients are unable to support themselves due to a disabling condition.

Summary

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1	Supplemental rate; Blue Earth County.
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	Amends § 256I.05, by adding subd. 1v. Beginning July 1, 2026, requires a county agency to negotiate a supplementary services rate in addition to the monthly room and board rate, not to exceed \$750 per month, including any legislatively authorized
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	inflationary adjustments, for a housing support provider located in Blue Earth County that operates long-term residential facilities with a total of 20 beds that serve chemically dependent women and provide 24-hour-a-day supervision and other support services.
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