

**Subject** Hospice respite and end-of-life care

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## Overview

This bill provides MA coverage using state-only funds for hospice respite and end-of-life care for recipients under age 21 who receive hospice care in a residential hospice facility.

## Summary

Section	Description
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1	<b>Hospice care.</b>
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Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 22. States that hospice respite and end-of-life care under subdivision 22a are not hospice services under MA.

2	<b>Residential hospice facility; hospice respite and end-of-life care for children.</b>
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Amends § 256B.0625, by adding subd. 22a.

(a) Provides MA coverage for hospice respite and end-of-life care if the care is for recipients under age 21 who elect to receive hospice care from a licensed hospice provider that is a residential hospice facility. States that hospice care services under subdivision 22 are not hospice respite or end-of-life care.

(b) States that payment rates for coverage under this subdivision must be 100 percent of the Medicare rate for continuous home care hospice services. Requires payment to be made from state funds, but directs the commissioner to seek federal financial participation for the payments. Requires payment to be made to the residential hospice facility and provides that these payments are not included in any limits or cap amount that applies to hospice services payments to the elected hospice services provider.

(c) Provides that certification of the residential hospice facility by Medicare must not be a requirement for MA payment for hospice respite and end-of-life care under this subdivision.



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