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Section

Article 1: Long-Term Care Facilities

Overview

This article clarifies how the cost of new technology and depreciable equipment is treated for purposes of nursing facility construction projects.

- 1** **Definitions.** Amends § 144A.071, subd. 1a. Includes the cost of new technology and depreciable equipment in the cost of a nursing facility construction project, unless the facility makes a written election not to include these costs. (Under current law, a facility must make a written election to include these costs.) Adds a definition of “depreciation guidelines” and clarifies the definition of “project construction costs.” Makes related changes.

Article 2: Continuing Care for the Elderly

Overview

This article clarifies county responsibility for case management services and allows the commissioner of human services to contract with all tribal governments to manage the elderly waiver program.

- 1** **Requirements for individual care plans.** Amends § 256B.0913, subd. 8. Clarifies that it is the county providing services to an alternative care client that is responsible for providing

access to and arranging for case management services, and assuring implementation of the care plan. Requires the county providing services to notify the county of financial responsibility of the approved care plan and the amount of encumbered funds. Also adds a responsibility of tribes for prior authorization.

2 **Elderly waiver case management services.** Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 1a. Clarifies that the county of service or tribe must provide access to and arrange for case management services for elderly waiver recipients.

3 **Implementation of care plan.** Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 6. Clarifies that care plans for elderly waiver recipients must be implemented by the county administering waived services, when it is different from the county of financial responsibility. Requires the county administering waived services to notify the county of financial responsibility of the approved care plan.

4 **Tribal management of elderly waiver.** Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 9. Allows the commissioner to contract with any of the state's federally recognized tribal governments to implement a model for tribal management of the elderly waiver program. (Under current law, the commissioner is limited to contracting with the White Earth Reservation.)