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Overview

This act modifies the nursing facility moratorium on certification of beds and moves certain rate adjustments from property payments to external fixed costs payments.

Section

Exceptions for replacement beds after June 30, 2003. Amends § 144A.071, subd. 4c. Moves payment rate adjustments for certain exception projects approved by the commissioner of health from the property rate to the external fixed costs rate. Modifies a project in Goodhue County to consolidate two nursing facilities into one newly renovated 64-bed facility resulting in the delicensure of 85 beds (the current language results in the delicensure of 69 beds). Modifies the calculation of the rate adjustment for the project in Goodhue County.

Makes this section effective for rate years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, except that the transfer of the rate adjustment for the Goodhue County project from the property rate to the external fixed costs rate is effective for rate years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, or upon completion of the closure and new construction, whichever is later. Requires the commissioner to notify the revisor when the section is effective.

- **Consolidation of nursing facilities.** Amends § 144A.071, subd. 4d. Modifies rate adjustments for consolidation of nursing facilities by moving the adjustment from the property rate to the external fixed costs rate. Makes this section effective for rate years beginning on or after January 1, 2017.
- **External fixed costs.** Amends § 256B.441, subd. 13. Adds consolidation rate adjustments to the definition of "external fixed costs."

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Section

4 Calculation of payment rate for external fixed costs. Amends § 256B.441, subd. 53. Adds consolidation rate adjustments to the calculation of the external fixed costs payment rate.