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Overview

This bill allows spouses and other individuals to be reimbursed by MA for private duty nursing services, if certain conditions, including those related to financial hardship, are met. Current law does not allow MA reimbursement for spouses and these individuals under any circumstances.

Private duty nursing. Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 7. Allows private duty nursing (PDN) services provided by a nurse who is the recipient's spouse, parent or foster care provider of a recipient under age 18, or recipient's legal guardian, to be reimbursed under MA if: (1) the services are needed to supplement the services of regular private duty nursing staff of a home health agency; (2) the individual must reduce work hours and income to provide PDN services; (3) the individual provides the services through and is monitored by a home health agency; and (4) the commissioner, after consultation with the recipient's case manager and the home health agency, approves reimbursement.