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Overview

This bill allows the commissioner of human services to exempt from the Medicare certification requirement certain nursing facilities that can demonstrate losses under the Medicare prospective payment system.

1 Medicare certification. Amends § 256B.48, subd. 6. Allows the commissioner to exempt a nursing facility from the Medicare certification requirement, if the facility:

(1) has had at least six months of experience under the Medicare prospective payment system; (2) can demonstrate losses under this payment system; and (3) has had a Medicare utilization rate of eight percent or less. (Under current law, most nursing facilities must have at least 50 percent of their MA beds also certified as Medicare beds.) Allows facilities to request an exemption for up to three years, and requires the commissioner to respond within 30 days to requests for exemption.