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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill requires home care providers to provide at least 10 days' notice of service termination except in specified cases, and provides a five percent increase in reimbursement rates for home care services.

### Section

- 1 **Statement of rights.** Amends § 144A.44, subd. 1. Adds to the home care bill of rights the requirement that home care providers give recipients of services at least 10 days' advance notice of termination of service by the provider, except in cases: (a) where the recipient engages in conduct that alters the conditions of employment or creates an abusive or unsafe work environment; or (b) an emergency for the informal caregiver or a significant change in recipient condition results in service needs that exceed the provider agreement and which cannot be safely met by the provider.
- 2 **Rate increase for home care providers.** Provides a five percent increase in state health care program reimbursement rates for home care services, and specifies provider requirements related to the increase.
  - Subd. 1. Increase provided.** Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2001, requires the commissioner of human services to increase MA, GAMC, and MinnesotaCare payment rates for home care services by five percent.
  - Subd. 2. Required use.** Requires providers to use at least 80 percent of the increase to increase compensation paid to employees other than the administrator and central office staff.
  - Subd. 3. Employer plan.** Requires a copy of the employer's plan for complying with subdivision 2 to be made available to all employees. Allows employees to contact their union representative or the commissioner, if the employee does not receive the compensation adjustment and cannot resolve the problem with the provider.