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Overview

The 2000 legislature established a process by which certain nursing facility chains could obtain interim closure payments and special rate adjustments, using projected medical assistance cost savings from the closure of nursing facilities. This bill prohibits cost savings from being projected for certain facility closures.

Section

- 1 **Cost savings of closure.** Amends section 256B.436, subd. 6. For purposes of the nursing facility closure process, prohibits a nursing facility chain from projecting medical assistance cost savings from closure of a facility that is located in a county with a ratio of nursing facility beds to residents age 85 and over that is in the lowest quartile.
- 2 **Effective date.** States that section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.