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Overview

This bill increases the amount of an existing intergovernmental transfer paid by county nursing homes, adjusts payment rates to county nursing homes, and appropriates money for the rate adjustments.

Section

- 1** **Portion of nonfederal share to be paid by certain counties.** Amend § 256B.19, subd. 1d. Requires counties that own and operate nursing homes to transfer an additional \$2,230 per licensed bed to the state Medicaid agency, beginning on May 31, 2003. Allows the commissioner to reduce these intergovernmental transfers based on the commissioner's determination of payment rates to county nursing homes. Provides a retroactive effective date of January 1, 2003.
- 2** **County nursing home payment adjustments.** Amends § 256B.431, subd. 23. Beginning in 2003, requires the commissioner to pay nursing homes owned and operated by counties an additional adjustment equal to \$6.11 per day multiplied by the number of licensed beds. Allows the commissioner to reduce this payment based on a determination of Medicare upper payment limits. Provides a retroactive effective date of January 1, 2003.
- 3** **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$1,529,000 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, for section 2. Provides an immediate effective date.