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Overview

This bill eliminates specified reductions to state public program inpatient and outpatient hospital payment rates.

Section

- 1** **Payments.** Amends § 256.969, subd. 3a. Effective July 1, 2007, eliminates the following reductions to public program inpatient hospital payment rates: (1) a .5 percent reduction in MA and GAMC rates that took effect July 1, 2002; (2) a five percent reduction in MA and GAMC rates that took effect July 1, 2003; and (3) a six percent reduction in MA rates that took effect July 1, 2005.
- 2** **Quarterly payment adjustment.** Amends § 256.969, subd. 27. Eliminates a four percent reduction in MA and MinnesotaCare inpatient hospital payments for specified groups of hospitals.
- 3** **Hospital outpatient reimbursement.** Amends § 256B.75. Effective July 1, 2007, eliminates the following reductions to MA and GAMC outpatient hospital payment rates: (1) a .5 percent reduction that took effect July 1, 2002; and (2) a five percent reduction that took effect July 1, 2003.
- 4** **Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, for sections 1 to 3.