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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill provides a nursing home rate increase for health information technology costs and grants to certain elderly waiver providers for health information technology costs.

- 1** **Rate increase for health information technology costs.** Amends § 256B.441, by adding subd. 63. Appropriates \$6 million per year from the general fund to DHS for rate years beginning October 1, 2012, October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2014, for nursing facilities for the purpose of electronic health record adoption and use. Directs the commissioner to use money appropriated for this purpose to provide nursing facilities rate adjustments beginning October 1, 2012, and ending September 30, 2015. Specifies allowable expenditures and a process for nursing facilities to apply for the rate increase. Specifies how the commissioner shall calculate the rate adjustments.
- 2** **Elderly waiver; health information technology grants.** Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2013 to the commissioner of health for the purpose of providing grants to organizations that are providers of customized living or 24-hour customized living in the EW program for the purpose of electronic health record adoption and use. Specifies the process for applying for a grant and the maximum grant amount that may be awarded to an organization.