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Overview

Group Residential Housing (GRH) is a state program that provides payments on behalf of eligible persons to pay for room and board and related housing services. This bill modifies GRH agreements by allowing the commissioner to enter into an agreement with a provider serving veterans located in Stearns County.

The counties administer the GRH program. County human services agencies are responsible for determining if individuals are eligible for GRH and calculating GRH payment levels for those individuals. Counties are also responsible for setting rates for GRH settings and for making payments to these settings.

Counties make GRH payments directly to eligible GRH settings. In order to receive GRH payments, a residential setting must have an agreement with the county agency to provide GRH services and must be: (1) licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) as a board and lodging establishment, supervised living facility, or boarding care home; (2) licensed by DHS as an adult foster home (family or corporate); or (3) registered with MDH as a housing with services establishment under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144D, and provide three meals a day.

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Group residential housing agreements. Amends § 256I.04, subd. 2b. Adds paragraph (b), allowing the commissioner to enter into an agreement with a provider serving veterans who meet GRH eligibility criteria and reside in a GRH-eligible setting located in Stearns County. Makes Stearns County responsible for monitoring and oversight of the setting. Allows the agreement to be terminated with or without cause by either the commissioner or the provider

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with two calendar months prior notice. Makes this agreement subject to specified county agreement and negotiated rate requirements.