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Overview

This bill provides for a nursing facility payment rate adjustment beginning October 1, 2014, to pay for compensation costs for nursing facility employees paid less than \$14.00 per hour.

Section

1 Calculation of payment rate for external fixed costs. Amends § 256B.441, subd. 53. Adds to the payment rate for external fixed costs the nursing facility rate adjustment under section 2.

2 Nursing facility rate adjustment.

Subd. 1. Application for rate adjustment. Paragraph (a) requires nursing facilities to submit an application to the commissioner in a form and manner determined by the commissioner, specifies the data that must be included in the application, and specifies the timeline for submitting the application and any additional information requested by the commissioner.

Paragraph (b) specifies the process for the commissioner to approve applications submitted for nursing facilities in which employees are represented by an exclusive bargaining representative.

Subd. 2. Rate adjustment calculation. Specifies the manner in which the commissioner must calculate the rate adjustment for compensation costs and requires the adjustment to be included in the external fixed cost portion of the total payment rate.

Section

Subd. 3. Rate adjustment. Requires nursing facilities that receive approval of their application for a rate adjustment to receive the adjustment according to the calculation under subdivision 2 for the rate year beginning October 1, 2014. Requires the rate adjustment to be used to pay for compensation costs for nursing facility employees paid less than \$14.00 per hour. Requires the rate adjustment to be included in the total payment rate in subsequent years.