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Overview

This bill creates a new category of home care nursing, called “complex pediatric home care nursing,” and provides for a higher MA reimbursement rate for those services.

Home care nursing services are available to a person who has nursing needs that are medically necessary, physician ordered, and included in a written service plan. Services are provided by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse and may be provided in the home or outside the home when normal activities take the person outside the home.

Section

- 1 **Definitions.** Amends § 256B.0654, subd. 1. Defines “complex pediatric home care nursing.”
- 2 **Home care nursing services rate adjustments.** Amends § 256B.0654, by adding subd. 5. Paragraph (a) sets payments for complex pediatric home care nursing services at a level 25 percent higher than the payment rate for complex home care nursing services. Prohibits this rate increase from applying to FQHCs, rural health centers, and Indian health services. Requires the commissioner to adjust payment rates to managed care and county-based purchasing plans to reflect this increase, and requires the plans to pass on the full amount of the rate increase to eligible home care nursing agencies, in the form of higher payments for home care nursing services.

Paragraph (b) requires home care nursing agencies that receive a rate increase under this subdivision to use 10 percent of the additional revenue to pay for complex pediatric home care training of nursing staff and 80 percent of the additional revenue to increase pay and benefits for home care nurses.