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Overview

This bill modifies the provision allowing for a nursing facility operating payment rate exemption for a nonprofit nursing facility in Breckenridge to add a facility in Moorhead to the exemption effective for rate years beginning January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter.

The Medical Assistance (MA) program reimburses nursing facilities for services provided to low-income elderly and disabled persons who meet income and asset limits and other eligibility requirements. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) administers the MA reimbursement system for nursing facilities and establishes the reimbursement rates for each facility.

MA reimburses nursing facilities for operating costs, external fixed costs, and property costs.

Section

- 1 Nursing facilities in border cities.** Amends § 256R.53, subd. 2. Adds nonprofit nursing facilities in Moorhead to the nursing facility payment rate exemption that already exists for Breckenridge. Requires the commissioner to make a comparison of rates by November 1 of each year and apply it to the rates to be effective on the following January 1. Exempts facilities under this subdivision from rate limits if the adjustments under this subdivision result in a rate that exceeds the limits. Makes this section effective for rate increases for facilities in Moorhead for rate years beginning January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter.