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Overview

This bill modifies swing bed approval.

Section

1 Eligibility for license condition. Amends § 144.562, subd. 2. Paragraph (b) excludes swing bed days classified as charity care, or for which the hospital determines after billing for service that there is a demonstrated inability to pay, from the total allowable swing bed day use per year. Requires critical access hospitals to maintain documentation for swing bed days classified as charity care. Excludes swing bed days not reimbursed by Medicare from the total allowable swing bed days per year.

Paragraph (c) requires skilled nursing facilities that are contacted to admit the patient or deny admission within 24 hours of being contacted by the critical access hospital. Deems failure to respond within 24 hours a denial of admission.

Paragraph (e) removes the health care system 2,000 swing bed days per year limit.