

**Subject** Hospice Coverage and Room and Board

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## Overview

The medical assistance (MA) hospice benefit currently covers hospice services, such as physician and nursing services, counseling, respite care, home health aide and homemaker services, and therapy services, that are provided in response to a terminal illness. The MA hospice benefit does not cover room and board services on an ongoing basis. This bill requires the MA hospice benefit to include ongoing coverage of room and board costs for persons receiving hospice services in a community setting.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Hospice care.</b><br>Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 22. Expands MA hospice coverage to include room and board for persons receiving hospice services in a community-based setting, to the extent those services are not otherwise covered. |
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