March 28, 2018

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2309, an Act relating to reimbursement for dually eligible Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries receiving the Medicare hospice benefit in a nursing facility.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Kim Reynolds
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
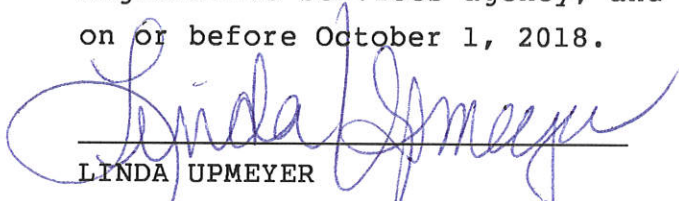   Clerk of the House

House File 2309

AN ACT
RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR DUALLY ELIGIBLE MEDICARE AND
MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING THE MEDICARE HOSPICE
BENEFIT IN A NURSING FACILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. DUALLY ELIGIBLE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID
BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING HOSPICE BENEFIT IN A NURSING FACILITY
— OPTIONS FOR ELIMINATION OF PASS-THROUGH PAYMENT. The
department of human services, after consulting with affected
providers and stakeholders, shall pursue options for the
payment of the nursing facility room and board expenses for
a dually eligible Medicare and Medicaid member receiving the
Medicare hospice benefit, to allow Medicaid managed care
organizations and the department's fee-for-service Medicaid
payment system to reimburse the nursing facility directly
for the room and board expenses rather than indirectly as
a pass-through payment from the hospice services provider.
The department of human services shall report all options
identified to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
appropriations subcommittee on health and human services, the

legislative services agency, and the legislative caucus staffs on or before October 1, 2018.

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LINDA UPMEYER
Speaker of the House

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CHARLES SCHNEIDER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2309, Eighty-seventh General Assembly.

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CARMINE BOAL
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved March 28th , 2018

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KIM REYNOLDS
Governor