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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the reimbursement of home and community-based  
 2 waiver services.

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

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**SF 251**  
 HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. Section 249A.30, Code 2003, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 249A.30 HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER SERVICES  
4 REIMBURSEMENT.

5 1. The base reimbursement rate for a provider of services  
6 under a medical assistance program home and community-based  
7 waiver ~~for persons with mental retardation~~ shall be  
8 ~~recalculated at least every three years to adjust for the~~  
9 ~~changes in costs during the immediately preceding three-year~~  
10 ~~period~~ annually, at the beginning of the fiscal year.

11 2. The annual inflation factor used to adjust such a  
12 provider's reimbursement rate for a fiscal year shall ~~not~~  
13 ~~exceed the percentage increase in the employment cost index~~  
14 ~~for private industry compensation issued by the federal~~  
15 ~~department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, for the most~~  
16 ~~recently completed calendar year~~ be based on the HCFA/SNF  
17 index. For the purposes of this subsection, "HCFA/SNF index"  
18 means the health care financing administration total skilled  
19 nursing facility market basket index published by data  
20 resources, inc.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill provides that reimbursement for providers of  
23 services under any medical assistance program home and  
24 community-based waivers is to be recalculated, annually, at  
25 the beginning of the fiscal year. The annual inflation factor  
26 to be used, instead of the current percentage increase in the  
27 employment cost index for private industry compensation issued  
28 by the federal department of labor, bureau of labor  
29 statistics, for the most recently completed calendar year is  
30 to be the HCFA/SNF index. The "HCFA/SNF index" is defined as  
31 the health care financing administration total skilled nursing  
32 facility market basket index published by data resources, inc.

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