

Senate File 2258 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the release of nursing facility

2 reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program.

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

1 Section 1. NURSING FACILITY MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATE
2 RELEASE. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
3 the department of human services may release nursing facility
4 rates prior to receiving approval of a state plan amendment
5 from the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the
6 United States department of health and human services (CMS)
7 to reduce retrospective rate processing. The department may
8 retroactively adjust or modify nursing facility rates released
9 prior to receipt of federal approval and may retroactively
10 reconcile payments based on such rates as necessary to reflect
11 any differences between the rates submitted and the rates
12 actually approved by CMS and to align the rates with available
13 funding.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill authorizes the department of human services (DHS)
18 to release nursing facility rates prior to receiving approval
19 of a state plan amendment from the centers for Medicare and
20 Medicaid services of the United States department of health and
21 human services (CMS) to reduce retrospective rate processing.
22 The bill also authorizes DHS to retroactively adjust nursing
23 facility rates released prior to receipt of federal approval
24 and to retroactively reconcile payments based on such rates
25 as necessary to reflect any differences between the rates
26 submitted and the rates actually approved by CMS and to align
27 the rates with available funding.