

House File 343 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the reimbursement of child care providers from
2 the child care assistance program.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 237A.13, subsection 5, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. The department's billing and payment provisions for the
4 program shall allow providers to elect either biweekly or monthly
5 billing and payment for child care provided under the program.
6 The department shall pay providers based on full-day rates for
7 each day the provider cared for a child enrolled in the program,
8 regardless of whether the child remained in the provider's care
9 for the full day. The department shall remit payment to a
10 provider within ten business days of receiving a bill or claim
11 for services provided. However, if the department determines
12 that a bill has an error or omission, the department shall
13 notify the provider of the error or omission and identify any
14 correction needed before issuance of payment to the provider.
15 The department shall provide the notice within five business
16 days of receiving the billing from the provider and shall remit
17 payment to the provider within ten business days of receiving the
18 corrected billing.

19 EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill relates to the reimbursement of child care providers
23 from the child care assistance program.

24 The bill provides that the department of human services shall
25 pay child care providers based on full-day rates for each day
26 the provider cared for a child enrolled in the state child care
27 assistance program, regardless of whether the child remained in
28 the provider's care for the full day. Under current law, the
29 department of human services is allowed to pay less than full-day
30 rates if a child care provider cared for a child for less than a
31 full day.