

## CHAPTER 1038

### PAYMENTS FOR HOSPICE SERVICES IN NURSING FACILITIES — DUALY ELIGIBLE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES

*H.F. 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. DUALY 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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