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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill modifies provisions related to child care assistance provider rates and payment of absent days.

#### Section

- 1**      **Subsidy restrictions.** Amends § 119B.13, subd. 1. Removes language referring to "like care arrangements" and "type of care." Under current law, the maximum rate paid for child care assistance may not exceed the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rate for like care arrangements (i.e., family child care and center-based child care) in each county as surveyed by the commissioner. This change would limit the maximum rate paid for child care assistance to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of all care arrangements in each county as surveyed by the commissioner. Removes an obsolete reference. Removes language requiring the commissioner to periodically evaluate market practices for payment of absences and to establish policies for payment of absent days. Makes this section effective July 1, 2005.
- 2**      **Absent days.** Amends § 119B.13, by adding subd. 7. Prohibits child care providers from being reimbursed for more than 25 absent days per child in a 12-month period, or for more than 10 consecutive absent days, unless the child has a documented medical condition that causes more frequent absences. Requires documentation of medical conditions to be on the forms and submitted according to the timelines established by the commissioner. Makes this section effective July 1, 2004.