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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill modifies nursing facility case mix calculations related to the use of IV medication, oxygen therapy, transfusions, and ventilators and respirators, effective July 1, 2005. The bill also requires a report to the legislature on how these new payment rates will be determined.

Section

1 **Resident reimbursement classifications.** Amends § 144.0724, subd. 3. Effective July 1, 2005, allows the use of IV medications, oxygen therapy, transfusions, and ventilator/respirator to be used to calculate a case mix classification only if provided in the nursing facility. Also corrects terminology.

2 **Resident assessment schedule.** Amends § 144.0724, subd. 4. Requires quarterly assessments to be used in determining resident case mix classifications. (Current law requires use of the second quarterly assessment following certain specified assessments.) Updates a reference to a federal long-term care assessment manual. Provides a July 1, 2005 effective date.

3 **Resident assessment schedule.** Amends § 256B.438, subd. 4. Makes a conforming change related to use of quarterly assessments. Provides a July 1, 2005 effective date.

4 **Budget neutrality of changes to case mix classifications.** Amends § 256B.438, subd. 8. Requires the commissioner to determine new payment rates to reflect the change made in § 144.0724, subd. 3, in a facility-specific, budget-neutral manner. Requires the commissioner to report to the legislature by January 15, 2005 on the manner in which these rates will be calculated.