Overview

This bill modifies the conditions under which providers of day training and habilitation services can receive a rate variance.

1 Variances. Amends § 252.46, subd. 6. Modifies the conditions under which the commissioner of human services can provide a rate variance for day training and habilitation services. As amended, the section would allow variances to be provided when: (1) a determination of need is approved for a significant program change necessary to provide services to existing and new clients who meet specified criteria; (2) a licensing determination requires a program change that the vendor cannot comply with due to funding constraints; (3) a determination of need is approved for a decrease in licensed capacity, and the vendor demonstrates the need to retain staffing levels to serve the remaining clients; or (4) cases where clauses (1) to (3) do not apply but a determination of need is approved for an unusual circumstance that significantly impacts the type or amount of services delivered and there is concurrence by the commissioner. Allows county boards to assign persons discharged from Minnesota extended treatment options a payment rate of 200 percent of the current statewide average rates, and also eliminates a reference to "self injurious or assaultive" behaviors in a description of clients eligible for this higher rate.