Overview

This bill increases reimbursement rates for nursing facilities, ICFs/MR, and direct care providers by three percent. These increases are in addition to the increases authorized by the 1999 Legislature. The bill also clarifies the procedures for implementing nursing facility compensation-related increases.

1 Nursing facility rate increases beginning July 1, 1999, and July 1, 2000. Amends §256B.431, subd. 28. For the rate year beginning July 1, 2000, provides nursing facilities with an additional rate increase for compensation-related costs of three percent. Specifies that an agreement negotiated between the employer and the exclusive bargaining representative must be agreed to after July 1, 2000, in order for it to constitute the plan for distributing the compensation-related increase. Also specifies that the additional three percent increase can be used only for compensation-related increases implemented on or after July 1, 2000.

2 ICF/MR rate increases beginning October 1, 1999, and October 1, 2000. Amends §256B.501, by adding subd. 13. For the rate year beginning October 1, 2000, provides ICFs/MR with an additional rate increase for compensation-related costs of three percent. (This section also adds to statute an ICF/MR rate increase provision that was adopted and funded by the conference committee on the 1999 health and human services omnibus bill, but which did not appear in the conference committee report.)

3 Amends Laws 1999, chapter 245, article 1, section 2, subdivision 8. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, increases from three to six percent the rate adjustment provided to a variety of direct care providers.

4 Appropriation. Appropriates money from the general fund to the commissioner of human services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, for purposes of sections 1 to 3.