Overview

This bill allows the commissioner of human services to approve alternative rate-setting methodologies for day training and habilitation vendors and waive provisions of law. The bill also requires the commissioner to seek an amendment to the state Medicaid plan and extends the day training and habilitation task force.

1 Alternative rate-setting methodologies. Adds § 252.461. Allows the commissioner of human services to approve alternative rate-setting methodologies for identified day training and habilitation vendors, as recommended by the day training and habilitation task force and with unanimous support by members of the task force. Allows the commissioner to grant variances to the following provisions, if necessary to implement the rate-setting methodologies: 252.41, subd. 5 (integration with the community), 252.46 (payment rates), except subd. 16 (allocation principles), and Minnesota Rules, part 9525.1290, subpart 1, items A and B (billing form requirement and prohibition on billing for days during which services were not provided). Provides that any alternative rate-setting methodology sunsets upon implementation of the new statewide payment rate structure to be recommended by the task force in its January 15, 2001 report to the legislature.

2 Amendment. Requires the commissioner, by June 1, 2000, to seek an amendment to the state Medicaid plan to implement section 1.

3 Task force extended; report. Extends the day training and habilitation task force to June 15, 2001, and requires the task force to present to the legislature by January 15, 2001, a report recommending a new payment rate schedule for day training and habilitation services. (Under current law, the task force expires March 15, 2000.)

4 Appropriation. Appropriates money from the general fund to the commissioner of human services, for technical assistance to the task force.
Effective date. Provides that sections 1 to 4 are effective the day following final enactment.