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Overview

Medical Assistance provides higher payments for special transportation services provided in areas of the state that are classified as rural or super rural under the Rural Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) system. This bill increases the base payment rate for special transportation services provided in super rural areas and the mileage payment rates for services provided in both rural and super rural areas.

Section

- 1 Transportation costs.** Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 17. Increases the base payment rate for special transportation services provided in areas defined by RUCA as super rural, by raising the percentage add-on to regular special transportation service rates from 11.3 to 22.6 percent. Increases mileage reimbursement for special transportation services provided in areas defined by RUCA as super rural or rural, from 125 to 150 percent of the regular mileage rate for trips of 17 miles or less, and from 112.5 to 125 percent of the regular mileage rate for trips over 17 miles (current law refers to trips between 18 and 50 miles).