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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill modifies home care nursing services by establishing an intensive pediatric care category and increasing the payment rate.

Home care provides medical and health-related services and assistance with day-to-day activities to people in their home. It can be used to provide short-term care for people moving from a hospital or nursing home back to their home, or it can also be used to provide continuing care to people with ongoing needs. Home care services may also be provided outside the person's home when normal life activities take them away from home.

Home care services are provided to MA-eligible persons and must be:

- medically necessary;
- ordered by a licensed physician;
- documented in a written service plan;
- provided at a recipient's residence (not a hospital or LTC facility); and
- provided by a Medicare-certified agency.

### Section

- 1 Definitions.** Amends § 256B.0654, subd. 1. Defines "intensive pediatric home care nursing." Makes technical and conforming changes.
- 2 Home care nursing services rate adjustments.** Amends § 256B.0654, by adding subd. 5. Effective for services provided after June 30, 2015, requires payments for intensive pediatric

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home care nursing services to be set at a level 25 percent higher than the payment rate for complex home care nursing services in effect on July 1, 2015. Specifies this increase does not apply to federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, and Indian health services. Requires the commissioner to adjust payment rates to managed care and county-based purchasing plans to reflect this increase. Requires home care nursing agencies that receive this rate increase to use an unspecified percentage of the additional revenue to pay for patient-specific intensive pediatric home care training of nursing staff.