

Subject Elderly waiver payment rates

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Overview

This bill modifies the elderly waiver (EW) payment rate methodology.

The elderly waiver provides home and community-based services not normally covered under MA to MA enrollees who are at risk of nursing facility placement. In addition, EW recipients are eligible for all standard MA covered services.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Payment rates; application.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 11. Expands the list of services to which the elderly waiver payment rate methodology applies. Provides a January 1, 2020, effective date.</p>
2	<p>Payment rates implementation; inflationary adjustment.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 12. Paragraph (a) specifies elderly waiver rates and component rates are the rates calculated under the rate methodology in this section (currently, only 10 percent of the rate is based on this methodology, the other 90 percent is based on a rate-on-rate reimbursement system).</p> <p>Paragraph (b) requires the commissioner to update the base wage index based on the most recently available Bureau of Labor Statistics Twin Cities metro wage data on January 1, 2020, and every two years thereafter.</p> <p>Paragraph (c) requires the commissioner to update the payroll tax and benefit factor based on the most recently available nursing facility cost report data on January 1, 2020, and every two years thereafter.</p> <p>Provides a January 1, 2020, effective date.</p>
3	<p>Payment rates; establishment.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 13. Removes obsolete language and requires the use of wage data from the most recently available edition of the Occupational Handbook when implementing or recalculating rates. Provides a January 1, 2020, effective date.</p>

Section	Description
4	<p>Payment rates; base wage index.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 14. Modifies base wage calculations and provides a January 1, 2020, effective date.</p>
5	<p>Payment rates; factors.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 15. Modifies the following factors: (1) general and administrative factor; (2) program plan support factor; (3) registered nurse factor; and (4) unlicensed supervisor supervision factor. Creates the following new factors: (1) facility and equipment factor for adult day services; (2) food, supplies, and transportation factor for adult day services; and (3) supplies and transportation factor for certain services. Provides a January 1, 2020, effective date.</p>
6	<p>Payment rates; component rates.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.0915, subd. 16. Modifies the definition of “adjusted base wage” and certain component rates. Provides a January 1, 2020, effective date.</p>
7	<p>Evaluation of elderly waiver rate methodology.</p> <p>Requires the commissioner of human services, in consultation with stakeholders, to evaluate the elderly waiver rate methodology and to submit a report to the legislature, by January 1, 2021, with recommended adjustments to the rate methodology based on the results of the evaluation.</p>
8	<p>Repealer.</p> <p>Repeals Minn. Stat. § 256B.0915, subd. 17 (evaluation of rate methodology) effective January 1, 2020.</p>



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