

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 4238

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; specifying an alternate hospital inpatient payment rate;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.969, by adding a subdivision.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.969, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.6 to read:

1.7 Subd. 2g. **Alternate inpatient payment rate.** Effective January 1, 2024, in any year in
1.8 which a hospital discharge is included in the federally required disproportionate share
1.9 hospital (DSH) audit where a patient has resided in a children's hospital for over ten years,
1.10 the commissioner shall compute an alternate inpatient rate for the children's hospital. The
1.11 alternate payment rate shall be the rate computed under this section increased by an amount
1.12 equal to 99 percent of what the DSH payment would have been under subdivision 2e or 9,
1.13 paragraph (d), clause (1), had the discharge been excluded. In any rate year in which payment
1.14 to a children's hospital is made using this alternate payment rate, no payments shall be made
1.15 to the hospital under subdivision 2e or 9.