

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

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Aging and Long-Term Care Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; modifying payment rates for home health services and  
1.3 home care nursing services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections  
1.4 256B.0653, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0654, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0653, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 8. Payment rates for home health agency services. The commissioner shall  
1.9 annually adjust payments for home health agency services to reflect the change in the federal  
1.10 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Home Health Agency Market Basket. The  
1.11 commissioner shall use the indices as forecasted for the midpoint of the prior rate year to  
1.12 the midpoint of the current rate year.

1.13 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2021, or upon federal approval,  
1.14 whichever occurs later, for services delivered on or after January 1, 2022. The commissioner  
1.15 of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256B.0654, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.17 to read:

1.18 Subd. 5. Payment rates for home care nursing services. The commissioner shall  
1.19 annually adjust payments for home care nursing services to reflect the change in the federal  
1.20 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Home Health Agency Market Basket. The  
1.21 commissioner shall use the indices as forecasted for the midpoint of the prior rate year to  
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