

HB 723 -- Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement

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This bill requires the Division of Medical Services to annually recalculate the Medicaid per diem reimbursement rate of each nursing home facility participating in the Medicaid program as a provider.

The bill:

- (1) Requires the recalculation to be performed over three state fiscal years and in three separate payments beginning July 1, 2003;
- (2) Requires the recalculation to be based on a facility's reported costs which are filed with the division, beginning with the facility's fiscal year ending in 2000;
- (3) Prohibits a recalculated Medicaid per diem reimbursement rate for a facility from being less than \$90 per day; and
- (4) Prohibits the division from applying to a recalculation a minimum utilization adjustment factor.

The bill contains provisions pertaining to the factors used in the recalculations which begin July 1, 2003. Effective July 1, 2006, each facility will receive a full Medicaid recalculation based on its 2003 Medicaid cost report of adjusted costs.

The bill contains an emergency clause.