

SB 663-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL ***663-FN-A***

AN ACT creating a Medicaid methodology working group within the department of health and human services and making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for eligible nursing facilities based on Medicaid reimbursement rates.

SPONSORS: Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Reardon, Dist 15; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Rep. Wallner, Merr. 19; Rep. Telerski, Hills. 11; Rep. Stringham, Graf. 3; Rep. Nagel, Belk. 6; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34

COMMITTEE: Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill creates a Medicaid methodology working group within the department of health and human services and makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for eligible nursing facilities based on Medicaid reimbursement rates.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Methodology Working Group
2 Established.

3 I. The department of health and human services shall convene a working group for the study
4 of nursing home rate Medicaid methodology consisting of the following:

5 (a) A member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
6 representatives;

7 (b) A member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

8 (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee;

9 (d) A member of the New Hampshire Association of Counties, appointed by that
10 organization;

11 (e) A member of the New Hampshire Health Care Association, appointed by that
12 organization;

13 (f) A member of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by that
14 organization; and

15 (g) A certified public accountant specializing in nursing home cost reporting, appointed
16 by the governor.

17 II. The working group shall be convened by the commissioner of department of health and
18 human services, or their designee, and shall be subject to RSA 91-A. The working group shall make
19 recommendations concerning the nursing home reimbursement methodology, with a focus on the
20 following considerations:

21 (a) Access to nursing home care and the existence of waiting lists;

22 (b) Barriers to hospital discharge to nursing homes;

23 (c) Whether the acuity or direct care needs of nursing home residents are properly
24 captured by reimbursement;

25 (d) Capital reimbursement in light of aging nursing home infrastructure;

26 (e) The relationship between workforce needs of nursing homes and reimbursement;

27 (f) The overall solvency of the nursing home sector; and

28 (g) The fairest means of addressing changes of ownership within reimbursement in a
29 manner that protects Medicaid program integrity.

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1 III. No later than December 31, 2026, the commissioner of the department of health and
2 human services, or their designee, shall submit to the speaker of the house of representatives, the
3 president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, the state library, and the
4 county-state finance commission any proposed changes to state law or regulations the department,
5 in consultation with the working group, believes is necessary if the department intends to modify the
6 nursing home Medicaid rate methodology.

7 2 Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation. The sum of \$5,000,000 for the
8 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human
9 services for the purpose of awarding a one-time general fund payment to licensed nursing facilities
10 serving individuals covered by Medicaid that received, on January 1, 2026, a new daily
11 reimbursement rate below 95 percent of what they had received on July 1, 2025, as calculated by the
12 department of health and human services. The department of health and human services shall have
13 sole discretion over distribution of the funds. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said
14 sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

15 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**SB 663-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$5 million	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$5 million	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes a Medicaid methodology working group within the Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, the bill appropriates \$5 million in FY26 for the purpose of making a one-time payment to nursing facilities with Medicaid clients if, on January 1 2026, those facilities received a new daily reimbursement rate below 95 percent of what they had received as of July 1, 2025. The bill provides the Department with sole discretion over distribution of the funds.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None