

SB 663-FN-A - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2026 SESSION

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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.

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a Medicaid methodology working group within the department of health and human services.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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*

AN ACT creating a Medicaid methodology working group within the department of health and human services.

*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 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**SB 663-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE  
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2026-0803s)**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

None