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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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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:

1 276:1 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 of
4 nursing home rate Medicaid methodology. The working group, which shall be exempt from RSA 14:49,
5 shall consist of the following members:

6 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be from the majority
7 party and one of whom shall be from the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house of
8 representatives;

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (h) An administrator at a private or publicly funded nursing home, appointed by the governor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (g) The fairest means of addressing changes of ownership within reimbursement in a manner
30 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 human
2 services, or their designee, shall submit to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of
3 the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, the state library, and the county-state finance
4 commission any proposed changes to state law or regulations the department, in consultation with the
5 working group, believes is necessary if the department intends to modify the nursing home Medicaid rate
6 methodology.

7 276:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage

Approved: July 02, 2026
Effective Date: July 02, 2026

