

CHAPTER 256I

NEGOTIATED GENERAL ASSISTANCE RATES

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Subd. 3. Moratorium on the development of negotiated rate beds. County agencies shall not enter into agreements for new general assistance or Minnesota supplemental aid negotiated rate beds except: (1) for adult foster homes licensed by the commissioner of human services under Minnesota Rules, parts 9555.5105 to 9555.6265; (2) for facilities licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9525.0215 to 9525.0355, provided the facility is needed to meet the census reduction targets for persons with mental retardation or related conditions at regional treatment centers; (3) to ensure compliance with the federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act alternative disposition plan requirements for inappropriately placed persons with mental retardation or related conditions or mental illness; or (4) for up to five handicapped accessible beds in a facility that serves primarily persons with a mental illness or chemical dependency that began construction to add space for the new beds before April 1, 1991, and will complete construction or remodeling by December 1, 1991.

History: 1991 c 292 art 2 s 68**2561.05 PAYMENT RATES.***[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1990]*

Subd. 1a. Lower maximum rate. The maximum monthly rate for a general assistance or Minnesota supplemental aid negotiated rate residence that enters into an initial negotiated rate agreement with a county agency on or after June 1, 1989, may not exceed 90 percent of the maximum rate established under subdivision 1. This is effective until June 30, 1993, or until the statewide system authorized under subdivision 6 is established, whichever occurs first.

Subd. 1b. Rates for uncertified boarding care homes. Effective July 1, 1992, the maximum rate for a boarding care home not certified to receive medical assistance is equal to 65 percent of the average nursing home level "A" rate in effect for the geographic area in which the boarding care home is located, except that a facility's rate must not be reduced by more than ten percent for the year ending June 30, 1992. This is effective until June 30, 1993. A noncertified boarding care home licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0690, is exempt from this rate limit. The commissioner shall study the numbers of facilities and residents that will be affected by the limit in this subdivision, the number of facilities likely to close because of the limit, the available alternatives for affected residents, methods of relocating or securing alternative placements for residents, and other effects of the limit. The commissioner shall provide a report to the legislature by January 1, 1992, on the commissioner's findings and recommendations relating to the rate limit.

Subd. 2. Monthly rates; exemptions. (a) The maximum negotiated rate does not apply to a residence that on August 1, 1984, was licensed by the commissioner of health only as a boarding care home, certified by the commissioner of health as an intermediate care facility, and licensed by the commissioner of human services under Minnesota Rules, parts 9520.0500 to 9520.0690. For residences in this clause that have less than five percent of their licensed boarding care capacity reimbursed by the medical assistance program, rate increases shall be provided according to section 256B.431, subdivision 4, paragraph (c).

(b) The maximum negotiated rate does not apply to a residence that on August 1, 1984, was licensed by the commissioner of human services under Minnesota Rules, parts 9525.0520 to 9525.0660, but funded as a negotiated rate residence under general assistance or Minnesota supplemental aid. Rate increases for these residences are subject to the provisions of subdivision 7.

(c) The maximum negotiated rate does not apply to a residence certified to participate in the medical assistance program, licensed as a boarding care facility or a nursing home, and declared to be an institution for mental disease by January 1, 1989. Effective January 1, 1989, the rate for these residences is the individual's appropriate medical assistance case mix rate. The exclusion from the rate limit for residences under this clause continues until June 30, 1992. The commissioner of human services, in consultation with the counties in which these residences are located, shall review the status of each certified nursing home and board and care facility declared to be an institution for mental disease. This review shall include the cost effectiveness of continued payment for residents through general assistance or Minnesota supplemental aid; the appropriateness of placement of general assistance or supplemental aid clients in these facilities; the effects of Public Law Number 100-203 on these facilities; and the role of these facilities in the mental health service delivery system. The commissioner shall make recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 1990, regarding the need to continue the exclusion of these facilities from the negotiated rate maximum and the future role of these facilities in serving persons with mental illness.

(d) The commissioner of human services shall take the following action in relation to certified boarding care facilities and nursing homes that have been declared institutions for mental diseases, excluding those facilities exempt under paragraph (a):

(1) All mental health and placement screenings and diagnostic assessments required under the federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) must be completed by July 1, 1991, for all residents in institutions for mental diseases admitted before June 1, 1991. Residents determined to need relocation under the preadmission screening and annual resident review must be relocated to a more appropriate placement in accordance with the timelines established in the state's alternative disposition plan.

(2) By October 1, 1991, all institutions for mental diseases must be reviewed again by the commissioner to determine if they are still institutions for mental diseases, and the commissioner shall immediately revoke a declaration that a facility is an institution for mental diseases if the commissioner determines that the facility is not an institution for mental diseases.

(3) The commissioner shall provide to institutions for mental diseases training in the criteria used in assessing residents for determination of institutions for mental diseases status and the numbers of residents in each category.

(4) For facilities whose status as an institution for mental diseases is not revoked by the commissioner by October 1, 1991, a facility-specific plan must be developed by the commissioner and the facility, in consultation with the appropriate consumer groups, to offer alternative services to enough residents by July 1, 1992, to allow the commissioner to revoke the facility's status as an institution for mental diseases.

[For text of subs 3 to 7, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 7a. Rate increases for the 1991-1993 biennium. For the biennium ending June 30, 1993, no inflationary increases shall be provided in rates for negotiated rate settings under subdivision 7.

[For text of subs 8 and 9, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 10. Foster care. Beginning July 1, 1992, the negotiated rate of a residence licensed as a foster home is limited to the rate set for room and board costs provided the foster home is not the license holder's primary residence, or the license holder is not the primary caregiver to persons receiving services in the negotiated rate residence,

and federal funding is available to pay for the cost of other necessary services. For the purpose of this section, room and board costs mean costs of providing food and shelter for eligible persons, and includes the directly identifiable costs of:

- (1) normal and special diet, food preparation and food services;
- (2) providing linen, bedding, laundering, and laundry supplies;
- (3) housekeeping, including cleaning and lavatory supplies;
- (4) maintenance and operation of the residence and grounds, including fuel, utilities, supplies, and equipment;
- (5) the allocation of salaries related to these areas; and
- (6) the lease or mortgage payment, property tax and insurance, furnishings and appliances.

History: 1991 c 292 art 4 s 71-74; art 6 s 51