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HUMAN RESOURCES

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to reimbursement for a home and community-based  
 2 services waiver under the medical assistance program.  
 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 249A.30, Code 2005, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 249A.30 HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER --  
4 SERVICE PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT.

5 1. The base reimbursement rate for a provider of services  
6 provided under a medical assistance program home and  
7 community-based services waiver ~~for persons with mental~~  
8 ~~retardation~~ shall be recalculated ~~at least every three years~~  
9 ~~to adjust for the changes in costs during the immediately~~  
10 ~~preceding three-year period~~ annually, at the beginning of the  
11 fiscal year.

12 2. The annual inflation factor used to adjust such a  
13 provider's reimbursement rate for a fiscal year shall ~~not~~  
14 ~~exceed the percentage increase in the employment cost index~~  
15 ~~for private industry compensation issued by the federal~~  
16 ~~department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, for the most~~  
17 ~~recently completed calendar year~~ be determined based on the  
18 total skilled nursing facility market basket index utilized by  
19 the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United  
20 States department of health and human services.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill provides that the reimbursement for providers of  
23 services under any medical assistance program home and  
24 community-based services waiver is to be recalculated,  
25 annually, at the beginning of the fiscal year. The annual  
26 inflation factor to be used, instead of the current percentage  
27 increase in the employment cost index for private industry  
28 compensation issued by the federal department of labor, bureau  
29 of labor statistics, for the most recently completed calendar  
30 year, is the skilled nursing facility market basket index  
31 utilized by the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of  
32 the United States department of health and human services.

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