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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

Re-referred to the Committee on Finance without further recommendation

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; increasing payment rates for nursing facilities  
1.3 in Dodge and other specified counties to the Olmsted County median rate;  
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.434, is amended by adding a  
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 4i. **Rate increase for facilities in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Mower,**  
1.9 **Wabasha, and Winona Counties.** Effective October 1, 2007, operating payment rates  
1.10 of all nursing facilities in Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Mower, Wabasha, and Winona  
1.11 Counties that are reimbursed under this section or section 256B.441 must be increased to  
1.12 be equal, for a RUG's rate with a weight of 1.00, to the Olmsted County median rate for  
1.13 the same RUG's weight. The percentage of the operating payment rate for each facility to  
1.14 be case-mix adjusted is equal to the percentage that is case-mix adjusted in that facility's  
1.15 September 30, 2007, operating payment rate. This subdivision applies only if it results in a  
1.16 rate increase. Increases provided by this subdivision must be added to the rate determined  
1.17 under any new reimbursement system established under section 256B.441.