SENATE BILL NO. 329

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING HOME RATE
ADJUSTMENTS AND REVIEW; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Inflationary adjustments for nursing home rates. (1) For the fiscal
year beginning July 1, 2025, medicaid reimbursement rates paid for nursing home services must be increased,
at a minimum, by an inflation factor equal to the health care cost review skilled nursing facility total market
basket index published by IHS global insight, or a comparable index if the IHS global insight index is no longer
published.

(2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and every 4 years thereafter, the department shall
conduct a comprehensive analysis of the cost of providing nursing home services and determine whether
rebasing the rates is necessary. The department shall report to the children, families, health, and human
services interim committee and to the legislature in accordance with 5-11-210 on the results of the analysis.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
integral part of Title 53, chapter 6, part 1, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 6, part 1, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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