

1 SENATE BILL NO. 329
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING HOME RATE
5 ADJUSTMENTS AND REVIEW; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN
6 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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

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

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

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

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