

Increase the ongoing appropriation to the Department of Health from the General Fund Restricted Nursing Care Facilities Account by \$2,586,600 and \$6,084,500 from federal funds in FY 2018. This has the effect of increasing assessments on nursing homes by 0.5% (from 5.5% to 6.0% of revenues). Of the increase \$143,000 from the General Fund Restricted Nursing Care Facilities Account and \$336,400 federal funds is authorized for the Medicaid Optional Services line item to offset the State increased cost for hospice care reimbursement as stipulated in HB 397 Medicaid Program Amendments from the 2010 General Session. The remainder is appropriated to the Medicaid Mandatory Services line item. This would have the effect of raising Medicaid reimbursement base rates statewide to nursing homes by 3.7% over fiscal year 2017 levels.