

256R.41 SINGLE-BED ROOM INCENTIVE.

Subdivision 1. **Single-bed incentive.** The operating payment rate for nursing facilities reimbursed under this chapter shall be increased by 20 percent multiplied by the ratio of the number of new single-bed rooms created divided by the number of active beds on July 1, 2005, for each bed closure that results in the creation of a single-bed room after July 1, 2005. The commissioner may implement rate adjustments for up to 3,000 new single-bed rooms each year through June 30, 2030. For eligible bed closures for which the commissioner receives a notice from a facility that a bed has been delicensed and a new single-bed room has been established, the rate adjustment in this paragraph shall be effective on either the first day of the month of January or July, whichever occurs first following the date of the bed delicensure.

Subd. 2. **Single-bed incentive phase-out.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, the commissioner shall reduce the value of the single-bed incentive calculated under subdivision 1 as follows:

(1) January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027, the single-bed incentive is 80 percent of the value calculated under subdivision 1;

(2) January 1, 2028, through December 31, 2028, the single-bed incentive is 60 percent of the value calculated under subdivision 1;

(3) January 1, 2029, through December 31, 2029, the single-bed incentive is 40 percent of the value calculated under subdivision 1;

(4) January 1, 2030, through December 31, 2030, the single-bed incentive is 20 percent of the value calculated under subdivision 1; and

(5) on or after January 1, 2031, the single-bed incentive is zero.

(b) The phase-out schedule in this subdivision applies to all existing and new rate adjustment amounts determined under subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. **Discharge prohibition.** A nursing facility is prohibited from discharging residents for purposes of establishing single-bed rooms. A nursing facility must submit documentation to the commissioner in a form prescribed by the commissioner, certifying the occupancy status of beds closed to create single-bed rooms. In the event that the commissioner determines that a facility has discharged a resident for purposes of establishing a single-bed room, the commissioner shall not provide a rate adjustment under this section.

History: 2016 c 99 art 1 s 28; 1Sp2017 c 6 art 3 s 44; 1Sp2025 c 9 art 1 s 21