

Subject Housing support supplementary services rates

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Overview

This bill provides a housing support supplementary services rate for facilities that meet certain requirements.

The Housing Support Program (formerly known as group residential housing or GRH) is a state program that provides payments on behalf of eligible persons to pay for room and board and related housing services.

Nearly all housing support providers are authorized to receive the housing support basic room and board rate of \$1,170 per month for group settings or \$1,220 per month for community settings. Recipients in certain housing support settings may also qualify for a supplemental payment that is in addition to this base rate.

The Housing Support Program is funded with state general fund dollars and receives some federal reimbursement for food and nutrition costs. In state fiscal year 2023, an average of 20,218 persons received housing support payments each month. Expenditures for the fiscal year were nearly \$200 million. The average monthly payment per person was \$794. More than half of housing support recipients are aged, blind, or disabled, and the rest of the recipients are unable to support themselves due to a disabling condition.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Supplementary rate for certain facilities.</p> <p>Amends § 256I.05, subd. 1v. Beginning July 1, 2025, requires a lead agency to negotiate a supplementary rate in addition to the room and board rate for a housing support provider operating indoor communities with low barriers to access. Lists requirements the communities must meet. Limits the supplementary rate to \$975 per month, including any legislatively authorized inflationary adjustments.</p> |
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