

HOUSE BILL NO. 757

2/09 Introduced
2/09 Referred to Human Services & Aging
3/06 Hearing
Died in Committee

1 the board.

2 (3) The board shall establish an initial schedule of
3 rates for each hospital and long-term care facility within
4 18 months of [the effective date of this act].

5 (4) After establishing the initial schedule of rates
6 for a hospital or long-term care facility, the board shall
7 from time to time, but at least annually, determine the need
8 to adjust the rates to account for any of the following
9 factors:

10 (a) change in the type and severity of illness of the
11 patients admitted to the hospital or long-term care
12 facility;

13 (b) change in the cost of goods and services purchased
14 by the hospital; or

15 (c) change in the type of services provided by the
16 hospital or long-term care facility that results from
17 technological advances.

18 (5) Any rate schedule adjustment made to allow for
19 inflation in the cost of goods and services must conform to
20 a formula established by the board that equitably reflects
21 changes in the prices that all hospitals and long-term care
22 facilities in the state must pay. In devising this formula,
23 the board, whenever possible, shall use appropriate
24 price-change and wage-change measures published by the
25 bureau of labor statistics in the U.S. department of labor.

1 (6) (a) Before it may establish rates under this
2 section or approve any changes therein, the board shall
3 publish a notice of the proposed rates or changes in one or
4 more newspapers of general circulation in the area affected.
5 This notice must announce a public hearing on the proposed
6 rates or changes and must conform to the requirements of
7 2-4-601.

8 (b) The board shall conduct the hearing under the
9 Montana Administrative Procedure Act. The final decision of
10 the board in any matter decided after a hearing under this
11 section must conform to the requirements of a decision in a
12 contested case under the Montana Administrative Procedure
13 Act.

14 (7) Capital expenditures must be approved pursuant to
15 Title 50, chapter 5, part 3, before such expenditures may be
16 considered by the board in any rate schedule adjustment.

17 Section 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the
18 Health Care Cost Containment Board \$300,000 from the general
19 fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1987, for purposes of
20 carrying out its duties under this act.

21 Section 5. Codification instruction. (1) Section 1 is
22 intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 2,
23 chapter 15, part 10, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter
24 15, apply to section 1.

25 (2) Sections 2 through 4 are intended to be codified

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1 as an integral part of Title 50, chapter 5, and the
2 provisions of Title 50, chapter 5, apply to sections 2
3 through 4.

4 Section 6. Effective date. This act is effective July
5 1, 1985.

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