

1.1 Senator moves to amend H.F. No. 19 as follows:

1.2 Page 18, after line 3, insert:

1.3 "ARTICLE 4

1.4 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RATES FOR EMPLOYERS OF DIRECT CARE
1.5 WORKERS

1.6 Section 1. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; RATES
1.7 FOR EMPLOYERS OF DIRECT CARE WORKERS.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "direct care worker" means
1.9 either: (1) an employee of a medical assistance enrolled provider who provides direct
1.10 nonprofessional long-term care services and supports funded through medical assistance,
1.11 including through a home and community-based waiver or alternative care, to a person with
1.12 a disability or an older adult; or (2) an individual provider as defined under Minnesota
1.13 Statutes, section 256B.0711.

1.14 Subd. 2. Rate increases for employers of direct care workers. Beginning January 1,
1.15 2024, the commissioner of human services must increase the medical assistance
1.16 reimbursement rates of any employer that employs a direct care worker by an amount
1.17 sufficient to offset the additional costs to employers for direct care workers' earned sick and
1.18 safe time leave required under Minnesota Statutes, sections 181.9445 to 181.9448.

1.19 Subd. 3. Draft legislation required. By January 1, 2024, for any medical assistance
1.20 rates established in Minnesota Statutes that reimburse employers of direct care workers, the
1.21 commissioner must develop draft legislation to incorporate the rate increase described in
1.22 subdivision 2 into the rate or rate framework and submit the draft legislation to the chairs
1.23 and ranking minority members of the legislative committees or divisions with jurisdiction
1.24 over human services finance. The commissioner must not construe failure of the legislature
1.25 to enact the draft legislation as relieving the commissioner of the commissioner's duty to
1.26 increase rates as required under subdivision 2. If the legislature enacts the draft legislation,
1.27 implementation of the statutory rate increases will satisfy the requirements of subdivision
1.28 2 with respect to employers reimbursed under those rates."

1.29 Amend the title accordingly