

Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2885 as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**"Section 1. PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT TO HOSPITALS FOR QUALIFYING
AVOIDABLE PATIENT DAYS.**

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "High-acuity patient" means a hospital patient with obesity or who has a disability, has a need for wound care or home health care, has a mental illness, has high behavior needs, has a substance use disorder, is receiving intravenous fluid or intravenous medication, or requires dialysis.

(c) "Qualifying avoidable patient day" means:

(1) any day a high-acuity patient was boarded in an emergency department because the patient did not meet the applicable admission criteria and the hospital could not identify a setting to which the patient could be safely released; or

(2) every day after the seventh consecutive day on which a high-acuity patient was eligible for discharge from the hospital, but the hospital could not identify any setting to which the patient could be safely discharged.

Subd. 2. Partial reimbursement to hospitals. (a) Beginning September 15, 2024, the commissioner of human services shall make payments to hospitals as partial reimbursement for qualifying avoidable patient days. The commissioner shall make payments of an equal amount for each submitted qualifying avoidable patient day.

(b) By August 1, 2024, a hospital seeking a payment under this section must submit to the commissioner of human services the total number of qualifying avoidable patient days at the hospital between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. To determine the payment amount for each qualifying avoidable patient day, the commissioner must divide the appropriation available for this purpose by the number of submitted qualifying avoidable patient days.

(c) When making payments under this section, the commissioner must not consider the source of reimbursement for the services provided to the high-acuity patient.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2024.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the
2.3 commissioner of human services for payments to hospitals for partial reimbursement for
2.4 qualifying avoidable patient days."

2.5 Delete the title and insert:

2.6 "A bill for an act
2.7 relating to health and human services; providing for payments to hospitals for
2.8 avoidable patient days; appropriating money. "