

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill contains an appropriation of \$450,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Department of Health (Department).

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATION

Agency #: 048                      Agency Name: Department of Health  
 Unit: 0464 Hospice

<b>EXPENDITURE BY SERIES AND YEAR</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
0600 Grant & Aid Payments	\$0	\$225,000	\$225,000
Total Expenditure Per Year:	\$0	\$225,000	\$225,000
Grand Total Expenditure:	\$450,000		
Total Appropriated to Agency:	\$450,000		
Total Appropriated by Fund:			
GENERAL FUND	\$450,000		

Description of appropriation:

The bill increases the maximum Medicaid room and board reimbursement rate for hospice facilities from 50 percent to 100 percent of the statewide average of the Medicaid nursing home room and board rate. The bill appropriates \$450,000 from the General Fund to the Department for purposes of providing hospice care reimbursements.

The appropriation is for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026. The appropriation is intended to be included in the Department's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

The Department would use the appropriation to reimburse room and board at standalone hospice facilities at 100 percent of the statewide average nursing home rate. The Department assumes no change in utilization of standalone hospice services.

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