

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1303
(Representatives Kreidt, Bellew, Heller, Uglem, Wieland)
(Senator Dever)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 50-24.4-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to factors considered in determining nursing home rates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 50-24.4-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

50-24.4-06. Rate determination.

1. The department shall determine prospective payment rates for resident care costs. The department shall develop procedures for determining operating cost payment rates that take into account the mix of resident needs and other factors as determined by the department.
2. The department shall establish, by rule, limitations on compensation recognized in the historical base for top management personnel. Compensation for top management personnel must be categorized as a general and administrative cost and is subject to any limits imposed on that cost category.
3. For purposes of determining rates, the department shall:
 - a. Include, contingent upon approval of the medicaid state plan by the centers for medicare and medicaid services, allowable bad debt expenses in an amount not to exceed one hundred eighty days of resident care per year or an aggregate of three hundred sixty days of resident care for any one individual; and
 - b. Include allowable bad debt expenses in the property cost category in the report year in which the bad debt is determined to be uncollectible with no likelihood of future recovery.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1303.

House Vote: Yeas 89 Nays 0 Absent 5

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

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at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State