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S 1413. FUNDS FOR NURSING FACILITY RATE ADJUSTMENT. Filed 5/15/06. TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO ADJUST AND REBASE NURSING FACILITY RATES. Amends Section 10.11(a)(3) of SL 2005-276(2005 Appropriations Act) to require Department of Health and Human Services (Department) to adjust and rebase case-mix reimbursement rates using 2005 cost data, effective October 1, 2006. Specifies that rebasing is to occur every two years thereafter to appropriately reflect increases and decreases in reported and audited costs. Appropriates \$23 million from General Fund to Department's Division of Medical Assistance for 2006-07 for adjustments to nursing facility rates in accordance with the amendment. Effective July 1, 2006. Intro. by Purcell.

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