

March 21, 2007

**H 982. INCREASE HOME CARE RATES, QUALITY & RETENTION.** Filed 3/21/07. *TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO PROVIDE A RATE INCREASE FOR HOME CARE SERVICES IN AN EFFORT TO CONTINUE TO MEET THE COST OF PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICES AND TO ALLOW ADEQUATE SALARY INCREASES FOR THE DIRECT CARE WORKERS THEREBY INCREASING EMPLOYEE RETENTION AND QUALITY OF CARE.*

Appropriates funds sufficient to provide a 5% per year rate increase for 2007-08 and for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance. Funds must be used as title indicates. Effective July 1, 2007.

**Intro. by Earle.**

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