

HB 2653 - DIGEST

Requires the governor's advisory committee on vendor rates to conduct an extensive examination of rates paid to licensed health care providers to determine whether the rates paid by the department of social and health services are reasonable and necessary to ensure that medical program participants have access to accessible, quality services.

Requires vendor rates for medical services purchased by the department to include amounts reasonable and necessary to ensure access to licensed health care providers by all medical program participants by eliminating any cost shifting due to inadequate vendor rates.