

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2171	House Committee: <b>PASSED 1/27/22 (20-0)</b>
Committee:	Human Resources	House Floor:
Floor Manager:	Rep. Tom Moore	Senate Floor:
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Staff:	Natalie Ginty (5-2063)	

### Nursing Facility Reimbursement Timing

- This bill comes from a legislatively required interim committee that required DHS, MCOs, and the nursing facility associations to review the rate increase process that occurs when the legislature increases nursing facility rates. This bill would allow DHS to increase the rates on the effective date of future legislative increases, rather than wait till federal CMS approval. CMS has never not approved an Iowa legislatively appropriated rate increase.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 – Nursing Facility Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Release

Allows DHS to release nursing facility rates prior to receiving CMS approval, to reduce retroactive rate processing. If CMS were to later change the rate, then DHS also has authority to retroactively adjust based on the CMS approved rate.