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To amend section 5164.16 of the Revised Code to 1
make changes to the law regarding Medicaid 2
reimbursement for hospice providers. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5164.16 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 5164.16. (A) The medicaid program may cover one or 6
more state plan home and community-based services that the 7
department of medicaid selects for coverage. A medicaid 8
recipient of any age may receive a state plan home and 9
community-based service if the recipient has countable income 10
not exceeding two hundred twenty-five per cent of the federal 11
poverty line, has a medical need for the service, and meets all 12
other eligibility requirements for the service specified in 13
rules adopted under section 5164.02 of the Revised Code. The 14
rules may not require a medicaid recipient to undergo a level of 15
care determination to be eligible for a state plan home and 16
community-based service. 17

(B) Effective not later than January 1, 2028, the director 18
shall adopt rules specifying that a medicaid hospice provider 19

shall be reimbursed for room and board for a hospice patient who 20
is a resident of a nursing facility or an ICF/IID at an amount 21
equal to one hundred per cent of the rate established for the 22
nursing facility or ICF/IID for days when the patient receives 23
routine home care or continuous home care. 24

Section 2. That existing section 5164.16 of the Revised 25
Code is hereby repealed. 26