

[BUDGET AFFECTED]

Budget(s) : **Section 048. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
 (Health Care Financing)

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Page 40-line 6 After "12." insert ",15.".

Page 46-after line 14 Insert:

"15. In implementing reductions to the Medicaid budget, the department of health shall not reduce the reimbursement rate to any class of service provider that receives more than fifty percent (50%) of its revenue from Medicaid. The governor may waive the restriction specified in this footnote for specific classes of providers upon a showing by the department of health that the proposed reductions will not endanger the financial viability of a provider that provides essential services to elderly or disabled persons qualifying for residential care."

To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and renumber as necessary. SCOTT