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1 AN ACT Relating to nursing homes; amending RCW 74.46.620; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 74.42 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.42 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Each time a medicaid recipient is discharged from a medicaid
7 provider's facility for the purpose of hospitalization, the provider
8 shall hold open the recipient's bed for the recipient for a minimum of
9 five days immediately following the day of discharge and shall not deny
10 the recipient readmission and placement in the same bed vacated if
11 sought during such five-day period following the day of discharge.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.46.620 and 1980 c 177 s 62 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

1 (1) The department will reimburse a contractor for service rendered
2 under the facility contract and billed in accordance with RCW
3 74.46.610.

4 (2) The amount paid will be computed using the appropriate rates
5 assigned to the contractor, subject to the provisions of subsection (4)
6 of this section.

7 (3) For each recipient, the department will pay an amount equal to
8 the appropriate rates, multiplied by the number of patient days each
9 rate was in effect, less the amount the recipient is required to pay
10 for his or her care as set forth by RCW 74.46.630.

11 (4) If a recipient is discharged from the contractor's facility for
12 the purpose of temporary hospitalization, the department shall
13 reimburse at the facility-assigned rate, minus the amount the recipient
14 is required to pay, for each day the recipient's bed is held vacant,
15 for a maximum of six days, including the day of discharge. There shall
16 be no reimbursement for a bed held vacant for a recipient unless:

17 (a) The recipient's facility had a minimum average occupancy rate
18 of at least ninety-five percent, including hospitalized residents for
19 whom beds were held vacant, during the calendar month immediately
20 preceding the month of discharge; and

21 (b) The recipient is in fact readmitted to the facility to the same
22 bed directly.