

1 **2SHB 1908** - H AMD

2 By Representative Dyer

3 On page 5, line 26, strike all of section 5 and insert

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter
5 70.41 RCW:

6 Hospitals and acute care facilities shall:

7 (1) Work cooperatively with the department of social and
8 health services, area agencies on aging and local long-term care
9 information and assistance organizations in the planning and
10 implementation of patient discharges to long-term care services.

11 (2) Establish and maintain a system for discharge planning and
12 designate a person responsible for system management and
13 implementation.

14 (3) Establish written policies and procedures to:

15 (a) Identify patients needing further nursing, therapy, or
16 supportive care following discharge from the hospital;

17 (b) Develop a documented discharge plan for each identified
18 patient, including relevant patient history, specific care
19 requirements and date such follow-up care is to be initiated;

20 (c) Coordinate with patient, family, caregiver and appropriate
21 members of the health care team;

22 (d) Provide any patient, regardless of income status, written
23 information and verbal consultation regarding the array of long-
24 term care options available in the community, including the
25 relative cost, eligibility criteria, location and contact persons;

26 (e) Promote an informed choice of long-term care services on
27 the part of patients, family members and legal representatives;

28 (f) Coordinate with the department and specialized case
29 management agencies, including area agencies on aging and other
30 appropriate long-term care providers, as necessary, to ensure

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1 timely transition to appropriate home, community residential or
2 nursing facility care.

3 (4) Work in cooperation with the department which is
4 responsible for ensuring that patients eligible for medicaid long-
5 term care receive prompt assessment and appropriate service
6 authorization."

EFFECT: Clarifies the respective responsibilities and
relationships of DSHS assessors, hospital discharge planners,
and local assistance organizations.