

1 **2SHB 1908** - H AMD

2 By Representative Dyer

3 On page 6, after line 24, add a new section as follows

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter
5 74.42 RCW to read as follows:

6 A nursing facility shall not admit any individual who is
7 medicaid eligible unless that individual has been assessed by the
8 department. Appropriate hospital discharge shall not be delayed
9 pending the assessment.

10 To ensure timely hospital discharge of medicaid eligible
11 persons, the date of the request for a department long-term care
12 assessment shall be deemed the effective date of the initial
13 service and payment authorization. The department shall respond
14 promptly to such requests.

15 A nursing facility admitting an individual without a request
16 for a department assessment shall not be reimbursed by the
17 department and shall not be allowed to collect payment from a
18 medicaid eligible individual for any care rendered before the date
19 the facility makes a request to the department for an assessment.
20 The date on which a nursing facility makes a request for a
21 department long-term care assessment shall be deemed the effective
22 date of initial service and payment authorization for admissions
23 regardless of the source of referral.

24 A medicaid eligible individual residing in a nursing facility
25 who is transferred to an acute care hospital shall not be required
26 to have a department assessment under this section prior to
27 returning to the same or another nursing facility."

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29 Renumber the sections consecutively, correct internal references
30 and correct the title.

EFFECT: Facilitates the ability for nursing homes to accept a medicaid eligible patient with uncertain eligibility and encourages the Department of Social and Health Services to respond promptly to patient assessments. Establishes that the specific request date for patient assessment is the effective payment date if medicaid eligibility is established. Clarifies that a medicaid eligible patient transferred to a nursing facility from a hospital a second time does not need to be assessed again.