

1 **SSB 5579 - H AMD 0388 ADOPTED 4-14-03**
2 By Representative Cody

3 On page 9, after line 15, insert the following:

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter
5 18.20 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) When a boarding home contracts with the department to
7 provide adult residential care services, enhanced adult residential
8 care services, or assisted living services under chapter 74.39A
9 RCW, the boarding home must hold a medicaid eligible resident's
10 room or unit when short-term care is needed in a nursing home or
11 hospital, the resident is likely to return to the boarding home,
12 and payment is made under subsection (2) of this section.

13 (2) The medicaid resident's bed or unit shall be held for up to
14 twenty days. The per day bed or unit hold compensation amount
15 shall be seventy percent of the daily rate paid for the first seven
16 days the bed or unit is held for the resident who needs short-term
17 nursing home care or hospitalization. The rate for the eighth
18 through the twentieth day a bed is held shall be established in
19 rule, but shall be no lower than ten dollars per day the bed or
20 unit is held.

21 (3) The boarding home may seek third-party payment to hold a
22 bed or unit for twenty-one days or longer. The third-party payment
23 shall not exceed eighty-five percent of the average daily rate paid
24 to the facility. If third-party payment is not available, the
25 medicaid resident may return to the first available and appropriate
26 bed or unit, if the resident continues to meet the admission
27 criteria under this chapter.

28 (4) The department shall monitor the use and impact of the
29 policy established under this section and shall report its findings
30 to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of
31 representatives by December 31, 2005.

32 (5) This section shall expire on June 30, 2006."

1 Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

2 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: The reimbursement policy for boarding homes that hold beds for residents is changed to permit third-party payment after the resident has been absent from the facility for more than twenty days.