

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1693**

58th Legislature  
2003 1st Special Session

Passed by the House June 5, 2003  
Yeas 92 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate June 4, 2003  
Yeas 47 Nays 2

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1693** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Skinner, Clibborn and Morrell; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

READ FIRST TIME 03/04/03.

1            AN ACT Relating to direct care component rate allocation; and  
2 amending RCW 74.46.508.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.46.508 and 1999 c 181 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1)((~~a~~)) The department is authorized to increase the direct care  
7 component rate allocation calculated under RCW 74.46.506(5) for  
8 residents who have unmet exceptional care needs as determined by the  
9 department in rule. The department may, by rule, establish criteria,  
10 patient categories, and methods of exceptional care payment.

11            ~~((b) The department shall submit a report to the health care and  
12 fiscal committees of the legislature by December 12, 2002, that  
13 addresses:~~

14            ~~(i) The number of individuals on whose behalf exceptional care  
15 payments have been made under this section, their diagnosis, and the  
16 amount of the payments; and~~

17            ~~(ii) An assessment as to whether the availability of exceptional  
18 care payments resulted in more expedient placement of residents into  
19 nursing homes and fewer and/or shorter hospitalizations.))~~

1           (2)((+a)) The department ((shall)) may by ((January 1, 2000)) July  
2 1, 2003, adopt rules and implement a system of exceptional care  
3 payments for therapy care.

4           ((+i)) (a) Payments may be made on behalf of facility residents  
5 who are under age sixty-five, not eligible for medicare, and can  
6 achieve significant progress in their functional status if provided  
7 with intensive therapy care services.

8           ~~((+ii) Payment under this subsection is limited to no more than  
9 twelve facilities that have demonstrated excellence in therapy care,  
10 based upon criteria defined by rule. A facility accredited by the  
11 commission for accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF) shall  
12 be deemed to meet the criteria for demonstrated excellence in therapy  
13 care. However, CARF accreditation is not required for payment under  
14 this subsection.~~

15           (+iii)) (b) Payments may be made only after approval of a  
16 rehabilitation plan of care for each resident on whose behalf a payment  
17 is made under this subsection, and each resident's progress must be  
18 periodically monitored.

19           ~~((b) The department shall submit a report to the health care and  
20 fiscal committees of the legislature by December 12, 2002, that  
21 addresses:~~

22           ~~(i) The number of individuals on whose behalf therapy payments were  
23 made under this section, and the amount of the payments; and~~

24           ~~(ii) An assessment as to whether the availability of exceptional  
25 care payments for therapy care resulted in substantial progress in  
26 residents' functional status, more expedient placement of residents  
27 into less expensive settings, or other long term cost savings.~~

28           ~~(3) This section expires June 30, 2003.)~~

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