
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5578

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Winsley, T. Sheldon, Brandland, Reardon, Franklin, Esser, Haugen and Hargrove)

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1 AN ACT Relating to bed hold for boarding home residents; and adding
2 a new section to chapter 18.20 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 18.20 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) When a boarding home contracts with the department to provide
7 adult residential care services, enhanced adult residential care
8 services, or assisted living services under chapter 74.39A RCW, the
9 boarding home must hold a medicaid eligible resident's room or unit
10 when short-term care is needed in a nursing home or hospital, the
11 resident is likely to return to the boarding home, and payment is made
12 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 shall be
15 seventy percent of the daily rate paid for the first seven days the bed
16 or unit is held for the resident who needs short-term nursing home care
17 or hospitalization. The rate for the eighth through the twentieth day
18 a bed is held shall be established in rule, but shall be no lower than
19 ten dollars per day the bed or unit is held.

1 (3) The boarding home may seek third-party payment to hold a bed or
2 unit for twenty-one days or longer. If third-party payment is not
3 available, the medicaid resident may return to the first available and
4 appropriate bed or unit, if the resident continues to meet the
5 admission criteria under this chapter.

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