

3007-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody and Skinner; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Brief Description: Allowing limited home care case management resources to be targeted to consumers in greatest need.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Recognizes the importance of case management as a critical home and community care service and maintains its commitment to this system of services; however, the legislature also affirms that in the event of limited case management resources, case management service expectations should match available resources.

Finds that limited case management resources should be targeted to those with the greatest care needs and the least ability to meet those needs.

Provides that the department, or the area agency on aging as authorized by the department, may in its discretion refuse to authorize services if the department or area agency on aging determines that the consumer's needs cannot safely be met. The consumer may request a fair hearing to contest the decision of the case manager, as provided in chapter 34.05 RCW.

Provides that neither the department nor the area agency on aging shall be liable for exercising or failing to exercise discretion to refuse services under this provision.

Repeals RCW 74.39.030.