# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

### **Health Care Committee**

## **HB 2707**

**Brief Description:** Regarding adjustment of boarding home rates.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Morrell, Curtis, Clibborn, Schual-Berke and Green.

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

- Boarding homes that care for a Medicaid eligible person and request the Department of Social and Health Services (Department) to reassess their condition will be paid beginning on the date a reassessment was requested, or the date services were provided to meet the change in condition, whichever is later.
- If a private pay resident of a boarding home becomes Medicaid eligible and the facility has a contract with the Department, the boarding home will be paid from the date of the request for assessment or financial application, or the date the person is determined financially eligible, whichever is later.

**Hearing Date:** 1/27/06

**Staff:** Dave Knutson (786-7146).

#### **Background:**

Following a request, the Department of Social and Health Services has up to 30 days to complete an assessment or reassessment of a boarding home client to determine whether they are either eligible for Medicaid services or have had a significant change in their condition that would warrant a change in their service need.

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Appropriation: None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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