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1            AN ACT Relating to the nursing facility medicaid program trust  
2 account; adding a new section to chapter 74.46 RCW; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 82.71 RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.46 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) The nursing facility medicaid program trust account is created  
8 in the custody of the state treasurer. All funds collected from the  
9 tax in RCW 82.71.020 shall be deposited into this account. Only the  
10 director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the  
11 account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter  
12 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.  
13 Expenditures from this account shall be used exclusively to increase  
14 medicaid reimbursement rates to the nursing care facilities paid as of  
15 December 31, 2004.

16            (2) Funds may not be used to replace existing state expenditures  
17 paid to nursing care facilities for providing services pursuant to the  
18 medicaid program.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   A new section is added to chapter 82.71 RCW  
2   to read as follows:

3        The fee collected under RCW 82.71.020 shall be deposited in the  
4   nursing facility medicaid program trust account created in section 1 of  
5   this act.

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