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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2289**

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**State of Washington                      59th Legislature                      2005 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sommers and Cody)

READ FIRST TIME 04/05/05.

1            AN ACT Relating to hospital efficiencies; and amending RCW  
2            74.09.5225.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.5225 and 2001 2nd sp.s. c 2 s 2 are each amended  
5            to read as follows:

6            (1) Payments for recipients eligible for medical assistance  
7            programs under this chapter for services provided by hospitals,  
8            regardless of the beneficiary's managed care enrollment status, shall  
9            be made based on allowable costs incurred during the year, when  
10           services are provided by a rural hospital certified by the (~~health~~  
11           ~~care financing administration~~) centers for medicare and medicaid  
12           services as a critical access hospital. Any additional payments made  
13           by the medical assistance administration for the healthy options  
14           program shall be no more than the additional amounts per service paid  
15           under this section for other medical assistance programs.

16           (2) Beginning on the effective date of this section, a moratorium  
17           shall be placed on additional hospital participation in critical access  
18           hospital payments under this section. However, rural hospitals that  
19           applied for certification to the centers for medicare and medicaid

1 services prior to January 1, 2005, but have not yet completed the  
2 process or have not yet been approved for certification, remain  
3 eligible for medical assistance payments under this section.

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