

SHB 1809 - H AMD 162

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1 On page 3, line 6, after "assignment" strike "limits" and
2 insert "standards"

3 On page 3, beginning on line 28, after "(3)" strike all
4 material through "and" on line 31 and insert "PATIENT ASSIGNMENT
5 STANDARDS RECOMMENDATION. (a) By June 1, 2008, the central nursing
6 resource center must forward recommendations to the department as
7 required in this subsection. The recommendations must be developed
8 by a task force convened by the central nursing resource center.
9 Among its members, the task force must include representatives of
10 organizations that represent hospitals, including rural hospitals.
11 The recommendations must address:

12 (i) Patient assignment standards in hospitals; and"

13 On page 3, beginning on line 34, after "In" strike all material
14 through "shall" on line 35 and insert "developing its
15 recommendations, the task force must"

16 On page 4, line 15, after "recommendations" strike "of" and
17 insert "forwarded by"

18 On page 4, line 17, after "period." strike the remainder of the
19 line and insert "By July 15, 2008, the department must publish"

20 On page 4, line 20, after "basis," strike "the central nursing
21 resource center" and insert "a task force convened by the central
22 nursing resource center pursuant to (a) of this subsection"

23 On page 4, line 22, after "whether the" strike "recommendations
24 adopted" and insert "final recommendations published"

1 On page 4, line 23, after "any," strike "made" and insert
2 "developed by the task force and forwarded to the department"

3 On page 4, line 25, after "must" strike "adopt" and insert
4 "publish"

5 On page 4, line 28, after "By" strike "September 1, 2008" and
6 insert "January 1, 2009"

7 On page 4, beginning on line 33, after "assignment" strike all
8 material through "adopted" on line 34 and insert "standards
9 recommended in the final recommendations published"

10 On page 4, line 36, after "recommendations" strike "adopted"
11 and insert "published"

EFFECT: Requires the recommendations related to hospital staffing plans to be developed by June 1, 2008, instead of February 1, 2008, and also delays the timelines for publishing final recommendations and implementing staffing plans for four months.

Requires the recommendations to be developed by a task force convened by the Central Nursing Resource Center (CNRC), and requires the task force to include members from organizations representing hospitals, including rural hospitals. Changes the patient assignment recommendation to "standards" rather than "limits."

Requires the CNRC to forward the recommendations to the Department of Health, and the task force to review and update the recommendations biennially.

Clarifies that the final recommendations are to be published, but not adopted as rules, by the Department of Health.