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By Representatives Green and Moeller

1 AN ACT Relating to fees for initial medicare certification surveys
2 conducted by the department of health; and amending RCW 43.70.125.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.125 and 2007 c 279 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The federal government requires Washington health care
7 facilities to be certified in order to receive federal health care
8 program reimbursement. The department receives funding from the
9 federal government to perform the ~~((certifications—and~~
10 ~~recertifications))~~ initial medicare certification surveys of these
11 health care facilities. When the federal government does not provide
12 sufficient funding to cover all ~~((certifications and recertifications))~~
13 applicant requests for initial medicare certification surveys, the
14 secretary ~~((may))~~ must assess fees on ~~((certification—and~~
15 ~~recertification))~~ the applicants to fund the ~~((certifications—and~~
16 ~~recertifications))~~ initial medicare certification surveys, as provided
17 in this section.

18 (2)(a) When informed by the department that the centers for

1 medicare and medicaid services did not provide adequate federal funding
2 to do initial medicare certification surveys, an applicant for a survey
3 may pay the department a fee to conduct the survey as follows:

4	<u>Ambulatory surgery center</u>	<u>\$1,575</u>
5	<u>Critical access hospital</u>	<u>\$1,750</u>
6	<u>End-stage renal disease</u>	<u>\$850</u>
7	<u>facility</u>	
8	<u>Home health agency</u>	<u>\$1,985</u>
9	<u>Hospice agency</u>	<u>\$1,985</u>
10	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>\$1,750</u>
11	<u>Rehabilitation facility</u>	<u>\$450</u>
12	<u>Rural health clinic</u>	<u>\$600</u>
13	<u>Transplant hospital</u>	<u>\$850</u>

14 (b) If the applicant does not pay the fee, the department has no
15 obligation to conduct the initial medicare certification surveys.

16 (3) Nothing in this section precludes an applicant from obtaining
17 an initial medicare certification survey from a national accreditation
18 organization recognized for this purpose by the centers for medicare
19 and medicaid services.

20 (4) For the purposes of this section, "initial medicare
21 certification survey" means an on-site visit conducted by department
22 staff for the purpose of determining compliance with medicare
23 regulations. This survey is required before a health care facility can
24 receive medicare or medicaid reimbursement.

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