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By Representative Cody

1 AN ACT Relating to disproportionate share hospital adjustments; and  
2 amending RCW 74.09.730.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.730 and 1991 sp.s. c 9 s 8 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 In establishing Title XIX payments for inpatient hospital services:

7 (1) To the extent funds are appropriated specifically for this  
8 purpose, and subject to any conditions placed on appropriations made  
9 for this purpose, the department of social and health services shall  
10 provide a disproportionate share hospital adjustment considering the  
11 following components:

12 (a) A low-income care component based on a hospital's medicaid  
13 utilization rate, its low-income utilization rate, its provision of  
14 obstetric services, and other factors authorized by federal law;

15 (b) A medical indigency care component based on a hospital's  
16 services to persons who are medically indigent; and

17 (c) A state-only component, to be paid from available state funds  
18 to hospitals that do not qualify for federal payments under (b) of this

1 subsection, based on a hospital's services to persons who are medically  
2 indigent;

3 (2) The payment methodology for disproportionate share hospitals  
4 shall be specified by the department in regulation.

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