
SENATE BILL 6335

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By Senators Parlette, Cleveland, and Becker

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1 AN ACT Relating to nursing facility case mix classification
2 methodology; and amending RCW 74.46.485.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.46.485 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 7 s 4 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall:

7 (a) Employ the resource utilization group III case mix
8 classification methodology. The department shall use the (~~forty-~~
9 ~~four~~) fifty-seven group index maximizing model for the resource
10 utilization group III grouper version 5.10, but the department may
11 revise or update the classification methodology to reflect advances
12 or refinements in resident assessment or classification, subject to
13 federal requirements. The department may adjust the case mix index
14 for any of the lowest ten resource utilization group categories
15 (~~beginning with PA1 through PE2~~) to any case mix index that aids in
16 achieving the purpose and intent of RCW 74.39A.007 and cost-efficient
17 care; and

18 (b) Implement minimum data set 3.0 under the authority of this
19 section (~~and RCW 74.46.431(3)~~). The department must notify nursing
20 home contractors twenty-eight days in advance the date of
21 implementation of the minimum data set 3.0. In the notification, the

1 department must identify for all semiannual rate settings following
2 the date of minimum data set 3.0 implementation a previously
3 established semiannual case mix adjustment established for the
4 semiannual rate settings that will be used for semiannual case mix
5 calculations in direct care until minimum data set 3.0 is fully
6 implemented.

7 (2) A default case mix group shall be established for cases in
8 which the resident dies or is discharged for any purpose prior to
9 completion of the resident's initial assessment. The default case mix
10 group and case mix weight for these cases shall be designated by the
11 department.

12 (3) A default case mix group may also be established for cases in
13 which there is an untimely assessment for the resident. The default
14 case mix group and case mix weight for these cases shall be
15 designated by the department.

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