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1 AN ACT Relating to nursing home medicaid reimbursement rate setting
2 in nonurban counties; and amending RCW 74.46.533.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.46.533 and 2007 c 508 s 6 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) For the purposes of comparison, the department shall determine
7 the following during the rate-setting periods for fiscal years 2008 and
8 2009; and for nonurban county nursing care facilities only, for rate-
9 setting periods commencing July 1, 2009:

10 (a) Each facility's June 30, 2007, combined rate for the direct
11 care, support services, therapy, and operations components, less the
12 quality maintenance fee; and

13 (b) Each facility's estimated rebased rates for the July 1, 2007,
14 and July 1, 2008, rate-setting periods, for the direct care, support
15 services, therapy, and operations rate components, less the quality
16 maintenance fee, adjusted for economic trends and conditions under the
17 2007-2009 biennial appropriations act; and

18 (c) Effective July 1, 2009, and for each rate-setting period
19 thereafter, each nonurban county facility's estimated rebased rates for

1 the direct care, support services, therapy, and operations rates
2 components, less the quality maintenance fee, adjusted for economic
3 trends and conditions under the current applicable biennial
4 appropriations act.

5 (2) For the 2007-2009 fiscal biennium, the department shall include
6 a "hold harmless" provision after rebasing to 2005 costs for the July
7 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, rate-setting period and the July 1,
8 2008, through June 30, 2009, rate-setting period. Commencing with the
9 July 1, 2009, rate-setting period the department shall include a "hold
10 harmless" provision only for nonurban county nursing care facilities.
11 This "hold harmless" provision shall apply to facilities that meet both
12 of the following conditions:

13 (a) Facilities whose estimated rebased rates calculated under
14 subsection (1)(b) or (c) of this section are less than their June 30,
15 2007, rates calculated under subsection (1)(a) of this section; and

16 (b) Facilities whose combined adjusted costs per adjusted resident
17 day in the direct care, support services, therapy, and operations cost
18 centers were greater than the combined per resident day reimbursement
19 rates for these cost centers in either calendar years 2004 or 2005.

20 For those facilities that meet the conditions in this subsection,
21 the "hold harmless" provision shall ensure that for the July 1, 2007,
22 through June 30, 2008, rate-setting period and for the July 1, 2008,
23 through June 30, 2009, rate-setting period, the department shall set
24 each facility's component rates in direct care, support services,
25 therapy, and operations to the facility's June 30, 2007, rate, less the
26 quality maintenance fee, adjusted for economic trends and conditions
27 specified in the 2007-2009 biennial appropriations act. For nonurban
28 county nursing care facilities that meet the conditions in this
29 subsection, the "hold harmless" provision shall ensure that for the
30 July 1, 2009, and following period rate settings, the department shall
31 set each such facility's component rates in direct care, support
32 services, therapy, and operations to not less than the facility's June
33 30, 2007, rate, less the quality maintenance fee, adjusted additionally
34 for economic trends and conditions specified in the biennial
35 appropriations acts since June 30, 2007.

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