

5864-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Fairley, Thibaudeau and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Title: Allowing a health maintenance organization to return an individual to his or her nursing care facility.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that a carrier that provides coverage for a person at a long-term care facility following the person's hospitalization shall, upon the request of the person or his or her legal representative as authorized in RCW 7.70.065, provide such coverage at the facility in which the person resided immediately prior to the hospitalization if: (1) The person's primary care physician determines that the medical care needs of the person can be met at the requested facility;

(2) the requested facility has all applicable licenses and certifications, and is not under a stop placement order that prevents the person's readmission;

(3) the requested facility agrees to accept payment from the carrier for covered services at the rate paid to similar facilities that otherwise contract with the carrier to provide such services; and

(4) the requested facility, with regard to the following, agrees to abide by the standards, terms, and conditions required by the carrier of similar facilities with which the carrier otherwise contracts: (a) utilization review, quality assurance, and peer review; and (b) management and administrative procedures, including data and financial reporting that may be required by the carrier.