

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1693

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DIRECT CARE COMPONENT RATE ALLOCATION

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Yeas 92 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 47 Nays 2

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved June 20, 2003.

GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1693** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Skinner, Clibborn and Morrell; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

READ FIRST TIME 03/04/03.

1 AN ACT Relating to direct care component rate allocation; and
2 amending RCW 74.46.508.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.46.508 and 1999 c 181 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)((~~a~~)) The department is authorized to increase the direct care
7 component rate allocation calculated under RCW 74.46.506(5) for
8 residents who have unmet exceptional care needs as determined by the
9 department in rule. The department may, by rule, establish criteria,
10 patient categories, and methods of exceptional care payment.

11 ~~((b) The department shall submit a report to the health care and
12 fiscal committees of the legislature by December 12, 2002, that
13 addresses:~~

14 ~~(i) The number of individuals on whose behalf exceptional care
15 payments have been made under this section, their diagnosis, and the
16 amount of the payments; and~~

17 ~~(ii) An assessment as to whether the availability of exceptional
18 care payments resulted in more expedient placement of residents into
19 nursing homes and fewer and/or shorter hospitalizations.))~~

1 (2)((+a)) The department ((shall)) may by ((January 1, 2000)) July
2 1, 2003, adopt rules and implement a system of exceptional care
3 payments for therapy care.

4 ((+i)) (a) Payments may be made on behalf of facility residents
5 who are under age sixty-five, not eligible for medicare, and can
6 achieve significant progress in their functional status if provided
7 with intensive therapy care services.

8 ~~((+ii) Payment under this subsection is limited to no more than
9 twelve facilities that have demonstrated excellence in therapy care,
10 based upon criteria defined by rule. A facility accredited by the
11 commission for accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF) shall
12 be deemed to meet the criteria for demonstrated excellence in therapy
13 care. However, CARF accreditation is not required for payment under
14 this subsection.~~

15 (+iii)) (b) Payments may be made only after approval of a
16 rehabilitation plan of care for each resident on whose behalf a payment
17 is made under this subsection, and each resident's progress must be
18 periodically monitored.

19 ~~((b) The department shall submit a report to the health care and
20 fiscal committees of the legislature by December 12, 2002, that
21 addresses:~~

22 ~~(i) The number of individuals on whose behalf therapy payments were
23 made under this section, and the amount of the payments; and~~

24 ~~(ii) An assessment as to whether the availability of exceptional
25 care payments for therapy care resulted in substantial progress in
26 residents' functional status, more expedient placement of residents
27 into less expensive settings, or other long term cost savings.~~

28 ~~(3) This section expires June 30, 2003.)~~

Passed by the House June 5, 2003.

Passed by the Senate June 4, 2003.

Approved by the Governor June 20, 2003.

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