

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2289**

Chapter 383, Laws of 2005

59th Legislature  
2005 Regular Session

RURAL HOSPITALS--MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/24/05

Passed by the House April 19, 2005  
Yeas 55 Nays 43

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 23, 2005  
Yeas 31 Nays 17

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2289** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

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**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 Sommers and Cody)

READ FIRST TIME 04/05/05.

1            AN ACT Relating to hospital efficiencies; and amending RCW  
2    74.09.5225.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.5225 and 2001 2nd sp.s. c 2 s 2 are each amended  
5    to read as follows:

6            (1) Payments for recipients eligible for medical assistance  
7    programs under this chapter for services provided by hospitals,  
8    regardless of the beneficiary's managed care enrollment status, shall  
9    be made based on allowable costs incurred during the year, when  
10 services are provided by a rural hospital certified by the ((health  
11 care financing administration)) centers for medicare and medicaid  
12 services as a critical access hospital. Any additional payments made  
13 by the medical assistance administration for the healthy options  
14 program shall be no more than the additional amounts per service paid  
15 under this section for other medical assistance programs.

16            (2) Beginning on the effective date of this section, a moratorium  
17 shall be placed on additional hospital participation in critical access  
18 hospital payments under this section. However, rural hospitals that  
19 applied for certification to the centers for medicare and medicaid

1 services prior to January 1, 2005, but have not yet completed the  
2 process or have not yet been approved for certification, remain  
3 eligible for medical assistance payments under this section.

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