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By Representatives Dufault, Cody, Chandler, Mosbrucker, Chapman, Corry, Leavitt, and Steele

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1 AN ACT Relating to psychiatric payments under medical assistance
2 programs for certain rural hospitals that are not designated as
3 critical access hospitals, do not participate in the certified public
4 expenditure program, have less than fifty acute care beds, and have
5 combined medicare and medicaid inpatient days greater than fifty
6 percent of total days; creating a new section; providing an
7 expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Psychiatric per diem payments for
10 recipients eligible for medical assistance programs under chapter
11 74.09 RCW for services provided by a hospital, regardless of the
12 beneficiary's managed care enrollment status, must be increased on or
13 after the effective date of this section, sufficiently to ensure that
14 services are provided. Increased psychiatric per diem payments under
15 this section are effective from the effective date of this section
16 through June 30, 2019, and apply only when services are provided by a
17 hospital that:

18 (a) Is designated as a rural hospital by the department of
19 health;

20 (b) Has less than fifty staffed acute care beds, as reported in
21 the hospital's 2017 department of health year-end report;

1 (c) Is not currently designated as a critical access hospital,
2 and does not meet current federal eligibility requirements for
3 designation as a critical access hospital;

4 (d) Is not currently participating in the certified public
5 expenditure full cost reimbursement program; and

6 (e) Has combined medicare and medicaid inpatient days greater
7 than fifty percent of total days, as reported in the hospital's 2017
8 cost report.

9 (2) This section expires June 30, 2019.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
12 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
13 effect immediately.

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