

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1534**

Chapter 116, Laws of 2019

66th Legislature  
2019 Regular Session

MEDICAID PSYCHIATRIC PER DIEM PAYMENTS--CERTAIN HOSPITALS

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 24, 2019

Passed by the House March 1, 2019  
Yeas 94 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 11, 2019  
Yeas 45 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 24, 2019 1:44 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1534** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

April 25, 2019

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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

Read first time 01/23/19. Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

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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