

2SSB 5930 - S AMD to S AMD (S2717.2) **163**
By Senator Pflug

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1 On page 11, after lien 32, insert "The agencies shall design a plan
2 to require hospitals serving patients enrolled in their state financed
3 health plans to effectively link or refer non-emergent patients seeking
4 care in hospital emergency rooms to twenty-four hour clinics located in
5 the community. The clinic must be reasonably accessible and available
6 to the patient. The agencies shall design a plan to provide all
7 enrollees, beneficiaries, and participants in their health coverage
8 access to a twenty-four hour, seven day a week, nurse hotline that is
9 accessible via the two-one-one system. The agencies shall develop
10 technical service agreements to secure public service announcements
11 through television, radio and print media to inform the public of
12 access to the nurse hotline."

13 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
14 references accordingly.

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EFFECT: In addition to the DSHS and HCA study of emergency room use, the agencies must design a plan to require hospitals refer to 24 hour clinics for non-emergent care, design a plan to provide 24 hour/7 days per week nurse hotline via the 211 system, and develop public service announcements about the nurse hotline.