

SB 6222-S2 - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/15/2008)

Finds that the long-term care system should utilize evidence-based practices for the prevention and management of chronic disease to improve the general health of Washingtonians over their lifetime and reduce health care and long-term care costs related to ineffective chronic care management.

Provides that when a facility provides respite care, before or at the time of admission, the facility must obtain certain information to meet the individual's anticipated needs.

Requires that agencies conducting family caregiver long-term care information and support services develop an evidence-based tailored caregiver assessment and referral tool and provide the option of a one-time voucher benefit per caregiver screened to meet the needs critical to health or safety of either the adult care recipient or the caregiver.

Provides that the community based services for low-income eligible persons shall include long-term care planning and options counseling.

Requires that the department of health shall develop a statewide fall prevention program.

Requires additional support for residents in community settings who exhibit challenging behaviors that put them at risk for institutional placement.

Establishes two seniors dental access projects.