**RCW 82.08.997 Exemptions—Temporary medical housing.** (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of temporary medical housing by a health or social welfare organization, if the following conditions are met:

(a) The temporary medical housing is provided only:

(i) While the patient is receiving medical treatment at: (A) A hospital required to be licensed under RCW 70.41.090; or (B) an outpatient clinic associated with such hospital; or

(ii) During any period of recuperation or observation immediately following medical treatment received by a patient at a facility in(a) (i) (A) or (B) of this subsection; and

(b) The health or social welfare organization does not furnish lodging or related services to the general public.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Health or social welfare organization" has the meaning provided in RCW 82.04.431; and

(b) "Temporary medical housing" means transient lodging and related services provided to a patient or the patient's immediate family, legal guardian, or other persons necessary to the patient's mental or physical well-being. [2008 c 137 § 2.]

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