

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1162

Chapter 2, Laws of 2001

57th Legislature
2001 2nd Special Session

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--SMALL, RURAL HOSPITALS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/20/01

Passed by the House June 4, 2001
Yeas 86 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

CLYDE BALLARD

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate June 8, 2001
Yeas 40 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved June 15, 2001

GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1162** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER

Chief Clerk

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Chief Clerk

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By Representatives McMorris, Cody, Alexander, Schual-Berke, Mastin, Cox, Mulliken, Sump, G. Chandler, Lisk, B. Chandler, Hatfield, Schoesler, Grant, Armstrong, Kessler, Doumit, DeBolt, Delvin, Dickerson, Kenney, Bush, Conway, Edmonds, Pflug and Haigh

Read first time 01/18/2001. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing state medical assistance
2 reimbursements for small, rural hospitals that meet the criteria of a
3 critical access hospital; adding new sections to chapter 74.09 RCW; and
4 creating new sections.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that promoting a
7 financially viable health care system in all parts of the state is a
8 paramount interest. The health care financing administration has
9 recognized the crucial role that hospitals play in providing care in
10 rural areas by creating the critical access hospital program to allow
11 small, rural hospitals that qualify to receive reasonable cost-based
12 reimbursement for medicare services. The legislature further finds
13 that creating a similar reimbursement system for the state's medical
14 assistance programs in small, rural hospitals that qualify will help
15 assure the long-term financial viability of the rural health system in
16 those communities.

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18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
19 to read as follows:

1 Payments for recipients eligible for medical assistance programs
2 under this chapter for services provided by hospitals, regardless of
3 the beneficiary's managed care enrollment status, shall be made based
4 on allowable costs incurred during the year, when services are provided
5 by a rural hospital certified by the health care financing
6 administration as a critical access hospital. Any additional payments
7 made by the medical assistance administration for the healthy options
8 program shall be no more than the additional amounts per service paid
9 under this section for other medical assistance programs.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 The department shall implement the program created in section 2 of
13 this act within sixty days of the effective date of this act regardless
14 of the beneficiary's managed care status.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
16 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
17 June 30, 2001, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
18 void.

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