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**Health Care Committee**

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**HB 1330**

**Brief Description:** Allowing for bed hold for boarding home residents.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Moeller, Campbell, Skinner, Sullivan, Benson, Bush and Pflug.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to pay a boarding home to hold a bed available for a resident who temporarily requires hospital or nursing home care.

**Hearing Date:** 2/12/03

**Staff:** Dave Knutson (786-7146).

**Background:**

Boarding homes that contract with the Department of Social and Health Services (Department) to care for Medicaid clients are required to hold a bed when a client is hospitalized or temporarily placed in a nursing home for up to 30 days. If it is determined prior to the end of the 30-day period that the client will not return to the boarding home, the facility may discharge the client and free up the bed.

**Summary of Bill:**

Boarding homes will hold a bed for a medicaid client who requires short term hospitalization or placement in a nursing home when it is likely the client will return to the facility and the Department pays a fee for the held bed. If the Department or a third party does not pay a fee for the held bed the client must reapply for admission to the boarding home after discharge from the hospital or nursing home.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.