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1 AN ACT Relating to bed hold for boarding home residents; and adding
2 a new section to chapter 18.20 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.20 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) When a boarding home contracts with the department to provide
7 adult residential care services, enhanced adult residential care
8 services, or assisted living services under chapter 74.39A RCW, the
9 boarding home must hold a medicaid eligible resident's room or unit
10 when short-term care is needed in a nursing home or hospital, the
11 resident is likely to return to the boarding home, and payment is made
12 under subsection (2) of this section.

13 (2) The medicaid resident's bed or unit shall be held for a period
14 of time consistent with the funding that is available to compensate the
15 boarding home for holding the bed or unit. The per day bed or unit
16 hold compensation amount shall be seventy percent of the daily rate
17 paid for the resident who needs short-term nursing home care or
18 hospitalization.

1 (3) If the department is unable to compensate the boarding home
2 provider in the amount specified in subsection (2) of this section, or
3 cannot fully cover the number of days needed, the bed or unit hold
4 will, at that time, become a noncovered medicaid service and the
5 boarding home may seek third party payment. If neither the department
6 nor any available third party is able or willing to pay for bed or unit
7 hold for short-term nursing home or hospitalization stay, the medicaid
8 resident may return to the first available and appropriate bed or unit,
9 if the resident continues to meet the admission criteria under this
10 chapter.

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