
**Health Care & Wellness
Committee**

SSB 6807

Brief Description: Restricting long-term care facilities.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Keiser, Fairley and Kohl-Welles).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Prohibits a boarding home from transferring or discharging a current resident on the basis that it is voluntarily withdrawing from the Medicaid program.
- Requires notice to persons beginning residence after the effective date of the act that the boarding home is not participating in the Medicaid program and the person may be transferred or discharged if they are unable to pay the facility charges.

Hearing Date: 2/25/08

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

Federal law provides that a nursing home may not transfer or discharge a resident if they become eligible for the Medicaid program while residing in the facility and are unable to pay what the facility charges for a private-pay resident. There is no comparable prohibition related to boarding homes.

Summary of Bill:

A boarding home's voluntary withdrawal from the Medicaid program is not an acceptable basis for the transfer or discharge of persons who have been residing in the boarding home and who were Medicaid eligible on the day before the effective date of the withdrawal. Residents who enter the boarding home after the effective date of withdrawal from Medicaid must be notified

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that they may be transferred or discharged if they become eligible for Medicaid. Notification must be oral and in writing and acknowledgment of receipt of this notice is required.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.