

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5773

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying treatment records provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove, Parlette and Keiser; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
House Committee on Health Care & Wellness

Background: There are federal and state confidentiality laws regarding sharing medical billing information. Federal confidentiality laws permit sharing medical billing information for the purposes of care coordination. The state law prohibits sharing mental health drug and diagnosis information contained in a medical bill.

Summary: The Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to share drug, emergency room, and hospital information that may contain a mental health diagnosis with the client's prescribing providers for the purposes of care coordination.

Votes on Final Passage:

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| Senate | 47 | 0 |
| House | 97 | 0 |

Effective: July 22, 2007