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By Representative Miloscia

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1 On page 18, after line 30, insert the following:

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3 "(2) All hospitals receiving five hundred thousand dollars or more
4 from the hospital safety net assessment fund, as a condition of
5 receiving the funds, shall apply to the Washington state quality award
6 or similar organization such as the Baldrige national quality program
7 for an organization-wide Baldrige assessment within two years and a
8 full assessment every three years thereafter in order to improve the
9 efficiency and effectiveness of hospitals receiving these funds. Each
10 hospital shall commit and plan to become a high performance, high
11 integrity organization and reach a score of sixty percent in ten
12 years. Washington state quality award applications, assessment
13 feedback reports, and corrective action plans shall:

14 (a) Be sent to the department to ensure public accountability,
15 sharing of best practices among hospitals, and adequate performance
16 management improvement;

17 (b) Be electronically sent to the Washington state auditor's
18 office to assist in its analysis of hospital performance data,
19 performance measures, and self-assessment systems; and

20 (c) Be used by the department for identification of best practices
21 for developing the quality incentive benchmarks under subsection (1)
22 of this section."

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24 Renumber subsections consecutively and correct any internal
25 references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Requires hospitals receiving \$500,000 or more from the Hospital Safety Net Assessment Fund to apply for a Baldrige assessment within two years and a full assessment every three years thereafter.

Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to use the outcomes of the Baldrige assessments in its development of quality incentive benchmarks.

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