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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** PURPOSE, FINDINGS, AND INTENT. (1) The
5 purpose of this chapter is to provide for a safety net assessment on
6 certain Washington hospitals, which will be used solely to augment
7 funding from all other sources and thereby obtain additional funds to
8 restore recent reductions and to support additional payments to
9 hospitals for medicaid services.

10 (2) The legislature finds that:

11 (a) Washington hospitals, working with the department of social
12 and health services, have proposed a hospital safety net assessment to
13 generate additional state and federal funding for the medicaid
14 program, which will be used to partially restore recent inpatient and
15 outpatient reductions in hospital reimbursement rates and provide for
16 an increase in hospital payments; and

17 (b) The hospital safety net assessment and hospital safety net
18 assessment fund created in this chapter allows the state to generate
19 additional federal financial participation for the medicaid program
20 and provides for increased reimbursement to hospitals.

21 (3) In adopting this chapter, it is the intent of the legislature:

22 (a) To impose a hospital safety net assessment to be used solely
23 for the purposes specified in this chapter;

24 (b) That funds generated by the assessment shall be used solely to
25 restore and increase hospital payment rates and support expansion of
26 subsidized basic health plan enrollees pursuant to 70.47 RCW;

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1 (c) That the total amount assessed not exceed the amount needed,
2 in combination with all other available funds, to support the
3 reimbursement rates and basic health plan enrollment expansions as
4 authorized by this chapter; and

5 (d) To condition the assessment on receiving federal approval for
6 receipt of additional federal financial participation and on
7 continuation of other funding sufficient to maintain hospital
8 inpatient and outpatient reimbursement rates and small rural
9 disproportionate share payments at least at the levels in effect on
10 June 30, 2009.

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12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** DEFINITIONS. The definitions in this
13 section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly
14 requires otherwise.

15 (1) "Certified public expenditure hospital" means a hospital
16 participating in the department's certified public expenditure payment
17 program as described in WAC 388-550-4650 or successor rule.

18 (2) "Critical access hospital" means a hospital as described in
19 RCW 74.09.5225.

20 (3) "Department" means the department of social and health
21 services.

22 (4) "Fund" means the hospital safety net assessment fund
23 established under section 3 of this act.

24 (5) "Hospital" means a facility licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW.

25 (6) "Long-term acute care hospital" means a hospital which has an
26 average inpatient length of stay of greater than twenty-five days as
27 determined by the department of health.

28 (7) "Managed care organization" means an organization having a
29 certificate of authority or certificate of registration from the
30 office of the insurance commissioner that contracts with the
31 department under a comprehensive risk contract to provide prepaid
32 health care services to eligible clients under the department's
33 medicaid managed care programs, including the healthy options program.

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1 (8) "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program as established
2 in Title XIX of the social security act and as administered in the
3 state of Washington by the department of social and health services.

4 (9) "Medicare cost report" means the medicare cost report, form
5 2552-96, or successor document.

6 (10) "Nonmedicare hospital inpatient day" means total hospital
7 inpatient days less medicare inpatient days, including medicare days
8 reported for medicare managed care plans, as reported on the medicare
9 cost report, form 2552-96, or successor forms, excluding all skilled
10 and nonskilled nursing facility days, skilled and nonskilled swing bed
11 days, nursery days, observation bed days, hospice days, home health
12 agency days, and other days not typically associated with an acute
13 care inpatient hospital stay.

14 (11) "Prospective payment system hospital" means a hospital
15 reimbursed for inpatient and outpatient services provided to medicaid
16 beneficiaries under the inpatient prospective payment system and the
17 outpatient prospective payment system as defined in WAC 388-550-1050.
18 For purposes of this chapter, prospective payment system hospital does
19 not include a hospital participating in the certified public
20 expenditure program or a bordering city hospital located outside of
21 the state of Washington and in one of the bordering cities listed in
22 WAC 388-501-0175 or successor regulation.

23 (12) "Psychiatric hospital" means a hospital facility licensed as
24 a psychiatric hospital under chapter 71.12 RCW.

25 (13) "Regional support network" has the same meaning as provided
26 in RCW 71.24.025.

27 (14) "Rehabilitation hospital" means a medicare-certified
28 freestanding inpatient rehabilitation facility.

29 (15) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of social
30 and health services.

31 (16) "Small rural disproportionate share hospital payment" means a
32 payment made in accordance with WAC 388-550-5200 or subsequently filed
33 regulation.

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1 (17) "Subsidized basic health plan enrollee" means a low-income
2 individual eligible for the subsidized basic health plan as defined
3 under chapter 70.47 RCW.

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5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** HOSPITAL SAFETY NET ASSESSMENT FUND. (1) A
6 dedicated fund is hereby established within the state treasury to be
7 known as the hospital safety net assessment fund. The purpose and use
8 of the fund shall be to receive and disburse funds, together with
9 accrued interest, in accordance with this chapter. Moneys in the
10 fund, including interest earned, shall not be used or disbursed for
11 any purposes other than those specified in this chapter. Any amounts
12 expended from the fund that are later recouped by the department on
13 audit or otherwise shall be returned to the fund.

14 (a) Any unexpended balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal
15 biennium shall carry over into the following biennium and shall be
16 applied to reduce the amount of the assessment under section 6(1)(c)
17 of this act.

18 (b) Any amounts remaining in the fund on July 1, 2013, shall be
19 used to make increased payments in accordance with sections 10 and 13
20 of this act for any outstanding claims with dates of service prior to
21 July 1, 2013. Any amounts remaining in the fund after such increased
22 payments are made shall be refunded to hospitals, pro rata according
23 to the amount paid by the hospital, subject to the limitations of
24 federal law.

25 (2) All assessments, interest, and penalties collected by the
26 department under sections 4 and 6 of this act shall be deposited into
27 the fund.

28 (3) Disbursements from the fund may be made only as follows:

29 (a) Subject to appropriations and the continued availability of
30 other funds in an amount sufficient to maintain the level of medicaid
31 hospital rates in effect on July 1, 2009;

32 (b) Upon certification by the secretary that the conditions set
33 forth in section 17(1) of this act have been met with respect to the
34 assessments imposed under section 4 (1) and (2) of this act, the

1 payments provided under section 9 of this act, payments provided under
2 section 13(2) of this act, and any initial payments under sections 11
3 and 12 of this act, funds shall be disbursed in the amount necessary
4 to make the payments specified in those sections;

5 (c) Upon certification by the secretary that the conditions set
6 forth in section 17(1) of this act have been met with respect to the
7 assessments imposed under section 4(3) of this act and the payments
8 provided under sections 10 and 14 of this act, payments made
9 subsequent to the initial payments under sections 11 and 12 of this
10 act, and payments under section 13(3) of this act, funds shall be
11 disbursed periodically as necessary to make the payments as specified
12 in those sections;

13 (d) To refund erroneous or excessive payments made by hospitals
14 pursuant to this chapter;

15 (e) The sum of thirty-six million dollars for the fiscal year 2011
16 may be expended in lieu of state general fund payments to hospitals.
17 The sum of thirty-six million five-hundred thousand dollars for fiscal
18 year 2011 shall be expended to increase subsidized basic health plan
19 enrollment by approximately 9,830 individuals. An additional sum of
20 thirteen million five-hundred thousand dollars for fiscal year 2011
21 may be expended to increase enrollment in the basic health plan by
22 approximately an additional 5,770 individuals if additional federal
23 financial participation under section 5001 of P.L. No. 111-5 is
24 extended beyond December 31, 2010. The sum of eighty-three million
25 five-hundred thousand dollars for the 2011-13 fiscal biennium may be
26 expended to increase subsidized basic health plan enrollment by
27 approximately 15,650 individuals above the levels funded in the 2009-
28 11 biennial operating appropriations act. If federal financial
29 participation becomes available to support the basic health program,
30 enrollment and/or funding levels may be adjusted accordingly to
31 support continued enrollment pursuant to the 2011-13 biennial
32 operating appropriations act.

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1 (f) The sum of one million dollars per biennium may be disbursed
2 for payment of administrative expenses incurred by the department in
3 performing the activities authorized by this chapter;

4 (g) To repay the federal government for any excess payments made
5 to hospitals from the fund if the assessments or payment increases set
6 forth in this chapter are deemed out of compliance with federal
7 statutes and regulations and all appeals have been exhausted. In such
8 a case, the department may require hospitals receiving excess payments
9 to refund the payments in question to the fund. The state in turn
10 shall return funds to the federal government in the same proportion as
11 the original financing. If a hospital is unable to refund payments,
12 the state shall develop a payment plan and/or deduct moneys from
13 future medicaid payments.

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15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** ASSESSMENTS. (1) An assessment is imposed
16 as set forth in this subsection effective after the date when the
17 applicable conditions under section 17(1) of this act have been
18 satisfied through June 30, 2013, for the purpose of funding
19 restoration of reimbursement rates under sections 9(1) and 13(2)(a) of
20 this act and funding payments made subsequent to the initial payments
21 under sections 11 and 12 of this act. Payments under this subsection
22 are due and payable on the first day of each calendar quarter after
23 the department sends notice of assessment to affected hospitals.
24 However, the initial assessment is not due and payable less than
25 thirty calendar days after notice of the amount due has been provided
26 to affected hospitals.

27 (a) For the period beginning on the date the applicable conditions
28 under section 17(1) of this act are met through December 31, 2010:

29 (i) Each prospective payment system hospital shall pay an
30 assessment of thirty-two dollars for each annual nonmedicare hospital
31 inpatient day, multiplied by the number of days in the assessment
32 period divided by three hundred sixty-five.

33 (ii) Each critical access hospital shall pay an assessment of ten
34 dollars for each annual nonmedicare hospital inpatient day, multiplied

1 by the number of days in the assessment period divided by three
2 hundred sixty-five.

3 (b) For the period beginning on January 1, 2011:

4 (i) Each prospective payment system hospital shall pay an
5 assessment of forty dollars for each annual nonmedicare hospital
6 inpatient day, multiplied by the number of days in the assessment
7 period divided by three hundred sixty-five.

8 (ii) Each critical access hospital shall pay an assessment of ten
9 dollars for each annual nonmedicare hospital inpatient day, multiplied
10 by the number of days in the assessment period divided by three
11 hundred sixty-five.

12 (c) For the period beginning July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013:

13 (i) Each prospective payment system hospital shall pay an
14 assessment of forty-four dollars for each annual nonmedicare hospital
15 inpatient day, multiplied by the number of days in the assessment
16 period divided by three hundred sixty-five.

17 (ii) Each critical access hospital shall pay an assessment of ten
18 dollars for each annual nonmedicare hospital inpatient day, multiplied
19 by the number of days in the assessment period divided by three
20 hundred sixty-five.

21 (d)(i) For purposes of (a) and (b) of this subsection, the
22 department shall determine each hospital's annual nonmedicare hospital
23 inpatient days by summing the total reported nonmedicare inpatient
24 days for each hospital that is not exempt from the assessment as
25 described in section 5 of this act for the relevant state fiscal year
26 2008 portions included in the hospital's fiscal year end reports 2007
27 and/or 2008 cost reports. The department shall use nonmedicare
28 hospital inpatient day data for each hospital taken from the centers
29 for medicare and medicaid services' hospital 2552-96 cost report data
30 file as of November 30, 2009, or equivalent data collected by the
31 department.

32 (ii) For purposes of (c) of this subsection, the department shall
33 determine each hospital's annual nonmedicare hospital inpatient days
34 by summing the total reported nonmedicare hospital inpatient days for

1 each hospital that is not exempt from the assessment under section 5
2 of this act, taken from the most recent publicly available hospital
3 2552-96 cost report data file or successor data file available through
4 the centers for medicare and medicaid services, as of a date to be
5 determined by the department. If cost report data are unavailable
6 from the foregoing source for any hospital subject to the assessment,
7 the department shall collect such information directly from the
8 hospital.

9 (2) An assessment is imposed in the amounts set forth in this
10 section for the purpose of funding the restoration of the rates under
11 sections 9(2) and 13(2)(b) of this act and funding the initial
12 payments under sections 11 and 12 of this act, which shall be due and
13 payable within thirty calendar days after the department has
14 transmitted a notice of assessment to hospitals. Such notice shall be
15 transmitted immediately upon determination by the secretary that the
16 applicable conditions established by section 17(1) of this act have
17 been met.

18 (a) Prospective payment system hospitals.

19 (i) Each prospective payment system hospital shall pay an
20 assessment of thirty dollars for each annual nonmedicare hospital
21 inpatient day up to sixty thousand per year, multiplied by a ratio,
22 the numerator of which is the number of days between June 30, 2009,
23 and the day after the applicable conditions established by section
24 17(1) of this act have been met and the denominator of which is three
25 hundred sixty-five.

26 (ii) Each prospective payment system hospital shall pay an
27 assessment of one dollar for each annual nonmedicare hospital
28 inpatient day over and above sixty thousand per year, multiplied by a
29 ratio, the numerator of which is the number of days between June 30,
30 2009, and the day after the applicable conditions established by
31 section 17(1) of this act have been met and the denominator of which
32 is three hundred sixty-five.

33 (b) Each critical access hospital shall pay an assessment of ten
34 dollars for each annual nonmedicare hospital inpatient day, multiplied

1 by a ratio, the numerator of which is the number of days between June
2 30, 2009, and the day after the applicable conditions established by
3 section 17(1) of this act have been met and the denominator of which
4 is three hundred sixty-five.

5 (c) For purposes of this subsection, the department shall
6 determine each hospital's annual nonmedicare hospital inpatient days
7 by summing the total reported nonmedicare inpatient days for each
8 hospital that is not exempt from the assessment as described in
9 section 5 of this act for the relevant state fiscal year 2008 portions
10 included in the hospital's fiscal year end reports 2007 and/or 2008
11 cost reports. The department shall use nonmedicare hospital inpatient
12 day data for each hospital taken from the centers for medicare and
13 medicaid services' hospital 2552-96 cost report data file as of
14 November 30, 2009, or equivalent data collected by the department.

15 (3) An assessment is imposed as set forth in this subsection for
16 the period February 1, 2010, through June 30, 2013, for the purpose of
17 funding increased hospital payments under sections 10 and 13(3) of
18 this act, which shall be due and payable on the first day of each
19 calendar quarter after the department has sent notice of the
20 assessment to each affected hospital, provided that the initial
21 assessment shall be transmitted only after the secretary has
22 determined that the applicable conditions established by section 17(1)
23 of this act have been satisfied and shall be payable no less than
24 thirty calendar days after the department sends notice of the amount
25 due to affected hospitals. The initial assessment shall include the
26 full amount due from February 1, 2010, through the date of the notice.

27 (a) For the period February 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010:

28 (i) Prospective payment system hospitals.

29 (A) Each prospective payment system hospital shall pay an
30 assessment of one hundred dollars for each annual nonmedicare hospital
31 inpatient day up to sixty thousand per year, multiplied by the number
32 of days in the assessment period divided by three hundred sixty-five.

33 (B) Each prospective payment system hospital shall pay an
34 assessment of five dollars for each annual nonmedicare hospital

1 inpatient day over and above sixty thousand per year, multiplied by
2 the number of days in the assessment period divided by three hundred
3 sixty-five.

4 (ii) Each psychiatric hospital and each rehabilitation hospital
5 shall pay an assessment of twenty-four dollars for each annual
6 nonmedicare hospital inpatient day, multiplied by the number of days
7 in the assessment period divided by three hundred sixty-five.

8 (b) For the period beginning on January 1, 2011:

9 (i) Prospective payment system hospitals.

10 (A) Each prospective payment system hospital shall pay an
11 assessment of one hundred twenty-seven dollars for each annual
12 nonmedicare inpatient day up to sixty thousand per year, multiplied by
13 the number of days in the assessment period divided by three hundred
14 sixty-five.

15 (B) Each prospective payment system hospital shall pay an
16 assessment of seven dollars for each annual nonmedicare inpatient day
17 over and above sixty thousand per year, multiplied by the number of
18 days in the assessment period divided by three hundred sixty-five.
19 The department may adjust the assessment or the number of nonmedicare
20 hospital inpatient days used to calculate the assessment amount if
21 necessary to maintain compliance with federal statutes and regulations
22 related to medicaid program health care-related taxes.

23 (ii) Each psychiatric hospital and each rehabilitation hospital
24 shall pay an assessment of thirty dollars for each annual nonmedicare
25 hospital inpatient day, multiplied by the number of days in the
26 assessment period divided by three hundred sixty-five.

27 (c) For the period beginning July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013:

28 (i) Prospective payment system hospitals.

29 (A) Each prospective payment system hospital shall pay an
30 assessment of one hundred thirty-three dollars for each annual
31 nonmedicare hospital inpatient day up to sixty thousand per year,
32 multiplied by the number of days in the assessment period divided by
33 three hundred sixty-five.

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1 (B) Each prospective payment system hospital shall pay an
2 assessment of seven dollars for each annual nonmedicare inpatient day
3 over and above sixty thousand per year, multiplied by the number of
4 days in the assessment period divided by three hundred sixty-five.
5 The department may adjust the assessment or the number of nonmedicare
6 hospital inpatient days if necessary to maintain compliance with
7 federal statutes and regulations related to medicaid program health
8 care-related taxes.

9 (ii) Each psychiatric hospital and each rehabilitation hospital
10 shall pay an assessment of thirty dollars for each annual nonmedicare
11 inpatient day, multiplied by the number of days in the assessment
12 period divided by three hundred sixty-five.

13 (d)(i) For purposes of (a) and (b) of this subsection, the
14 department shall determine each hospital's annual nonmedicare hospital
15 inpatient days by summing the total reported nonmedicare inpatient
16 days for each hospital that is not exempt from the assessment as
17 described in section 5 of this act for the relevant state fiscal year
18 2008 portions included in the hospital's fiscal year end reports 2007
19 and/or 2008 cost reports. The department shall use nonmedicare
20 hospital inpatient day data for each hospital taken from the centers
21 for medicare and medicaid services' hospital 2552-96 cost report data
22 file as of November 30, 2009, or equivalent data collected by the
23 department.

24 (ii) For purposes of (c) of this subsection, the department shall
25 determine each hospital's annual nonmedicare hospital inpatient days
26 by summing the total reported nonmedicare hospital inpatient days for
27 each hospital that is not exempt from the assessment under section 5
28 of this act, taken from the most recent publicly available hospital
29 2552-96 cost report data file or successor data file available through
30 the centers for medicare and medicaid services, as of a date to be
31 determined by the department. If cost report data are unavailable
32 from the foregoing source for any hospital subject to the assessment,
33 the department shall collect such information directly from the
34 hospital.

1 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8 of this act,
2 nothing in this act is intended to prohibit a hospital from including
3 assessment amounts paid in accordance with this section on their
4 medicare and medicaid cost reports.

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6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5. EXEMPTIONS.** The following hospitals are
7 exempt from any assessment under this chapter provided that if and to
8 the extent any exemption is held invalid by a court of competent
9 jurisdiction or by the centers for medicare and medicaid services,
10 hospitals previously exempted shall be liable for assessments due
11 after the date of final invalidation:

12 (1) Hospitals owned or operated by an agency of federal or state
13 government, including but not limited to western state hospital and
14 eastern state hospital;

15 (2) Washington public hospitals that participate in the certified
16 public expenditure program;

17 (3) Hospitals that do not charge directly or indirectly for
18 hospital services; and

19 (4) Long-term acute care hospitals.

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21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6. ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION.** (1) The
22 department, in cooperation with the office of financial management,
23 shall develop rules for determining the amount to be assessed to
24 individual hospitals, notifying individual hospitals of the assessed
25 amount, and collecting the amounts due. Such rule making shall
26 specifically include provision for:

27 (a) Transmittal of quarterly notices of assessment by the
28 department to each hospital informing the hospital of its nonmedicare
29 hospital inpatient days and the assessment amount due and payable.
30 Such quarterly notices shall be sent to each hospital at least thirty
31 calendar days prior to the due date for the quarterly assessment
32 payment.

33 (b) Interest on delinquent assessments at the rate specified in
34 RCW 82.32.050.

1 (c) Adjustment of the assessment amounts as follows:

2 (i) For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, the assessment
3 amounts under section 4 (1) and (3) of this act may be adjusted as
4 follows:

5 (A) If sufficient other funds for hospitals, including any
6 increase in federal financial participation for hospital payments in
7 addition to what is provided under section 5001 of P.L. No. 111-5 or
8 any extensions thereof, are available to support the reimbursement
9 rates and other payments under section 9, 10, 11, 12, or 13 of this
10 act without utilizing the full assessment authorized under section 4
11 (1) or (3) of this act, the department shall reduce the amount of the
12 assessment for prospective payment system, psychiatric, and
13 rehabilitation hospitals proportionately to the minimum level
14 necessary to support those reimbursement rates and other payments.

15 (B) Provided that none of the conditions set forth in section
16 17(2) of this act have occurred, if the department's forecasts
17 indicate that the assessment amounts under section 4 (1) and (3) of
18 this act, together with all other available funds, are not sufficient
19 to support the reimbursement rates and other payments under section 9,
20 10, 11, 12, or 13 of this act, the department shall increase the
21 assessment rates for prospective payment system, psychiatric, and
22 rehabilitation hospitals proportionately to the amount necessary to
23 support those reimbursement rates and other payments, plus a
24 contingency factor up to ten percent of the total assessment amount.

25 (C) Any positive balance remaining in the fund at the end of the
26 fiscal year shall be applied to reduce the assessment amount for the
27 subsequent fiscal year.

28 (ii) Any adjustment to the assessment amounts pursuant to this
29 subsection, and the data supporting such adjustment, including but not
30 limited to relevant data listed in subsection (2) of this section,
31 must be submitted to the Washington state hospital association for
32 review and comment at least sixty calendar days prior to
33 implementation of such adjusted assessment amounts. Any review and
34 comment provided by the Washington state hospital association shall

1 not limit the ability of the Washington state hospital association or
2 its members to challenge an adjustment or other action by the
3 department that is not made in accordance with this chapter.

4 (2) By November 30th of each year, the department shall provide
5 the following data to the Washington state hospital association:

6 (a) The fund balance;

7 (b) The amount of assessment paid by each hospital;

8 (c) The annual medicaid fee-for-service payments for inpatient
9 hospital services and outpatient hospital services; and

10 (d) The medicaid healthy options inpatient and outpatient payments
11 as reported by all hospitals to the department on disproportionate
12 share hospital applications. The department shall amend the
13 disproportionate share hospital application and reporting instructions
14 as needed to ensure that the foregoing data is reported by all
15 hospitals as needed in order to comply with this subsection (2)(d).

16 (3) The department shall determine the number of nonmedicare
17 hospital inpatient days for each hospital for each assessment period.

18 (4) To the extent necessary, the department shall amend the
19 contracts between the managed care organizations and the department
20 and between regional support networks and the department to
21 incorporate the provisions of section 13 of this act. The department
22 shall pursue amendments to the contracts as soon as possible after the
23 effective date of this act. The amendments to the contracts shall,
24 among other provisions, provide for increased payment rates to managed
25 care organizations in accordance with section 13 of this act.

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27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** LOCAL ASSESSMENTS OR TAXES NOT AUTHORIZED.

28 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize any unit of
29 local government to impose a tax or assessment on hospitals, including
30 but not limited to a tax or assessment measured by a hospital's
31 income, earnings, bed days, or other similar measures.

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33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** ASSESSMENT PART OF OPERATING OVERHEAD. The

34 incidence and burden of assessments imposed under this chapter shall

1 be on hospitals and the expense associated with the assessments shall
2 constitute a part of the operating overhead of hospitals. Hospitals
3 shall not increase charges or billings to patients or third-party
4 payers as a result of the assessments under this chapter. The
5 department may require hospitals to submit certified statements by
6 their chief financial officers or equivalent officials attesting that
7 they have not increased charges or billings as a result of the
8 assessments.

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10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** RESTORATION OF JUNE 30, 2009, REIMBURSEMENT
11 RATES. Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in
12 section 17(1) of this act, the department shall:

13 (1) Restore medicaid inpatient and outpatient reimbursement rates
14 to levels as if the four percent medicaid inpatient and outpatient
15 rate reductions did not occur on July 1, 2009; and

16 (2) Recalculate the amount payable to each hospital that submitted
17 an otherwise allowable claim for inpatient and outpatient medicaid-
18 covered services rendered from and after July 1, 2009, up to and
19 including the date when the applicable conditions under section 17(1)
20 of this act have been satisfied, as if the four percent medicaid
21 inpatient and outpatient rate reductions did not occur effective July
22 1, 2009, and, within sixty calendar days after the date upon which the
23 applicable conditions set forth in section 17(1) of this act have been
24 satisfied, remit the difference to each hospital.

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26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** INCREASED HOSPITAL PAYMENTS. (1) Upon
27 satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in section 17(1)
28 of this act and for services rendered on or after February 1, 2010,
29 the department shall increase the medicaid inpatient and outpatient
30 fee-for-service hospital reimbursement rates in effect on June 30,
31 2009, by the percentages specified below:

32 (a) Prospective payment system hospitals:

33 (i) Inpatient psychiatric services: ten percent;

34 (ii) Inpatient services: nine percent;

1 (iii) Outpatient services: twenty-seven percent.

2 (b) Harborview medical center and University of Washington medical
3 center:

4 (i) Inpatient psychiatric services: two percent;

5 (ii) Inpatient services: two percent;

6 (iii) Outpatient services: Twenty percent.

7 (c) Rehabilitation hospitals:

8 (i) Inpatient services: ten percent;

9 (ii) Outpatient services: thirty-two percent;

10 (d) Psychiatric hospitals:

11 (i) Inpatient psychiatric services: ten percent;

12 (ii) Inpatient services: ten percent.

13 (2) For claims processed for services rendered on or after
14 February 1, 2010, but prior to satisfaction of the applicable
15 conditions specified in section 17(1) of this act, the department
16 shall, within sixty calendar days after satisfaction of those
17 conditions, calculate the amount payable to hospitals in accordance
18 with this section and remit the difference to each hospital that has
19 submitted an otherwise allowable claim for payment for such services.

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21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL PAYMENTS. Upon
22 satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in section 17(1)
23 of this act, the department shall pay critical access hospitals that
24 do not qualify for or receive a small rural disproportionate share
25 payment in the subject state fiscal year an access payment of fifty
26 dollars for each medicaid inpatient day, exclusive of days on which a
27 swing bed is used for subacute care, from and after July 1, 2009.
28 Initial payments to hospitals, covering the period from July 1, 2009,
29 to the date when the applicable conditions under section 17(1) of this
30 act are satisfied, shall be made within sixty calendar days after such
31 conditions are satisfied. Subsequent payments shall be made to
32 critical access hospitals on an annual basis at the time that
33 disproportionate share eligibility and payment for the state fiscal
34 year are established. These payments shall be in addition to any

1 other amount payable with respect to services provided by critical
2 access hospitals and shall not reduce any other payments to critical
3 access hospitals.

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5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL PAYMENTS.

6 Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in section
7 17(1) of this act, small rural disproportionate share payments shall
8 be increased to one hundred twenty percent of the level in effect as
9 of June 30, 2009, for the period from and after July 1, 2009, until
10 July 1, 2013. Initial payments, covering the period from July 1,
11 2009, to the date when the applicable conditions under section 17(1)
12 of this act are satisfied, shall be made within sixty calendar days
13 after those conditions are satisfied. Subsequent payments shall be
14 made directly to hospitals by the department on a periodic basis.

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16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** INCREASED MANAGED CARE PAYMENTS AND
17 CORRESPONDING PAYMENTS TO HOSPITALS. Subject to the applicable
18 conditions set forth in section 17(1) of this act, the department
19 shall:

20 (1) Amend medicaid-managed care and regional support network
21 contracts as necessary in order to ensure compliance with this
22 chapter;

23 (2) With respect to the inpatient and outpatient rates established
24 by section 9 of this act:

25 (a) Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions under section
26 17(1) of this act, increase payments to managed care organizations and
27 regional support networks as necessary to ensure that hospitals are
28 reimbursed in accordance with section 9(1) of this act for services
29 rendered from and after the date when applicable conditions under
30 section 17(1) of this act have been satisfied, and pay an additional
31 amount equal to the estimated amount of additional state taxes on
32 managed care organizations or regional support networks due as a
33 result of the payments under this section, and require managed care
34 organizations and regional support networks to make payments to each

1 hospital in accordance with section 9 of this act. The increased
2 payments made to hospitals pursuant to this subsection shall be in
3 addition to any other amounts payable to hospitals by managed care
4 organizations or regional support networks and shall not affect any
5 other payments to hospitals;

6 (b) Within sixty calendar days after satisfaction of the
7 applicable conditions under section 17(1) of this act, calculate the
8 additional amount due to each hospital to pay claims submitted for
9 inpatient and outpatient medicaid-covered services rendered from and
10 after July 1, 2009, through the date when the applicable conditions
11 under section 17(1) of this act have been satisfied, based on the
12 rates required by section 9(2) of this act, make payments to managed
13 care organizations and regional support networks in amounts sufficient
14 to pay the additional amounts due to each hospital plus an additional
15 amount equal to the estimated amount of additional state taxes on
16 managed care organizations or regional support networks due as a
17 result of the payments under this subsection, and require managed care
18 organizations and regional support networks to make payments to each
19 hospital in accordance with the department's calculations within
20 forty-five calendar days after the department disburses funds for
21 those purposes.

22 (3) With respect to the inpatient and outpatient hospital rates
23 established by section 10 of this act:

24 (a) Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions under section
25 17(1) of this act, increase payments to managed care organizations and
26 regional support networks as necessary to ensure that hospitals are
27 reimbursed in accordance with section 10 of this act, and pay an
28 additional amount equal to the estimated amount of additional state
29 taxes on managed care organizations or regional support networks due
30 as a result of the payments under this section;

31 (b) Require managed care organizations and regional support
32 networks to reimburse hospitals for hospital inpatient and outpatient
33 services rendered after the date that the applicable conditions under
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1 section 17(1) of this act are satisfied at rates no lower than the
2 combined rates established by sections 9 and 10 of this act;

3 (c) Within sixty calendar days after satisfaction of the
4 applicable conditions under section 17(1) of this act, calculate the
5 additional amount due to each hospital to pay claims submitted for
6 inpatient and outpatient medicaid-covered services rendered from and
7 after February 1, 2010, through the date when the applicable
8 conditions under section 17(1) of this act are satisfied based on the
9 rates required by section 10 of this act, make payments to managed
10 care organizations and regional support networks in amounts sufficient
11 to pay the additional amounts due to each hospital plus an additional
12 amount equal to the estimated amount of additional state taxes on
13 managed care organizations or regional support networks, and require
14 managed care organizations and regional support networks to make
15 payments to each hospital in accordance with the department's
16 calculations within forty-five calendar days after the department
17 disburses funds for those purposes;

18 (d) Require managed care organizations that contract with health
19 care organizations that provide, directly or by contract, health care
20 services on a prepaid or capitated basis to make payments to health
21 care organizations for any of the hospital payments that the managed
22 care organizations would have been required to pay to hospitals under
23 this section if the managed care organizations did not contract with
24 those health care organizations, and require the managed care
25 organizations to require those health care organizations to make
26 equivalent payments to the hospitals that would have received payments
27 under this section if the managed care organizations did not contract
28 with the health care organizations;

29 (4) The department shall ensure that the increases to the medicaid
30 fee schedules as described in section 10 of this act are included in
31 the development of healthy options premiums.

32 (5) The department may require managed care organizations and
33 regional support networks to demonstrate compliance with this section.

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1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** QUALITY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS. (1) The
2 department, in collaboration with the health care authority, the
3 department of health, the department of labor and industries, the
4 Washington state hospital association, the Puget Sound health
5 alliance, and the forum, a collaboration of health carriers,
6 physicians, and hospitals in Washington state, shall design a system
7 of hospital quality incentive payments. The design of the system
8 shall be submitted to the relevant policy and fiscal committees of the
9 legislature by December 15, 2010. The system shall be based upon the
10 following principles:

11 (a) Evidence-based treatment and processes shall be used to
12 improve health care outcomes for hospital patients;

13 (b) Effective purchasing strategies to improve the quality of
14 health care services should involve the use of common quality
15 improvement measures by public and private health care purchasers,
16 while recognizing that some measures may not be appropriate for
17 application to specialty pediatric, psychiatric, or rehabilitation
18 hospitals;

19 (c) Quality measures chosen for the system should be consistent
20 with the standards that have been developed by national quality
21 improvement organizations, such as the national quality forum, the
22 federal centers for medicare and medicaid services, or the federal
23 agency for healthcare research and quality. New reporting burdens to
24 hospitals should be minimized by giving priority to measures hospitals
25 are currently required to report to governmental agencies, such as the
26 hospital compare measures collected by the federal centers for
27 medicare and medicaid services;

28 (d) Benchmarks for each quality improvement measure should be set
29 at levels that are feasible for hospitals to achieve, yet represent
30 real improvements in quality and performance for a majority of
31 hospitals in Washington state; and

32 (e) Hospital performance and incentive payments should be designed
33 in a manner such that all noncritical access hospitals in Washington
34 are able to receive the incentive payments if performance is at or

1 above the benchmark score set in the system established under this
2 section.

3 (2) Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in
4 section 17(1) of this act, and for state fiscal year 2013 and each
5 fiscal year thereafter, assessments may be increased to support an
6 additional one percent increase in inpatient hospital rates for
7 noncritical access hospitals that meet the quality incentive
8 benchmarks established under this section.

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10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** A new section is added to chapter 70.47
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 The increases in inpatient and outpatient reimbursement rates
13 included in chapter 74.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 23
14 of this act) shall not be reflected in hospital payment rates for
15 services provided to basic health enrollees under this chapter.

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17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** MULTI-HOSPITAL LOCATIONS, NEW HOSPITALS,
18 AND CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP. (1) If an entity owns or operates more than
19 one hospital subject to assessment under this chapter, the entity
20 shall pay the assessment for each hospital separately. However, if
21 the entity operates multiple hospitals under a single medicaid
22 provider number, it may pay the assessment for the hospitals in the
23 aggregate.

24 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a
25 hospital subject to the assessment imposed under this chapter ceases
26 to conduct hospital operations throughout a state fiscal year, the
27 assessment for the quarter in which the cessation occurs shall be
28 adjusted by multiplying the assessment computed under section 4 (1)
29 and (3) of this act by a fraction, the numerator of which is the
30 number of days during the year which the hospital conducts, operates,
31 or maintains the hospital and the denominator of which is three
32 hundred sixty-five. Immediately prior to ceasing to conduct, operate,
33 or maintain a hospital, the hospital shall pay the adjusted assessment
34 for the fiscal year to the extent not previously paid.

1 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, in the
2 case of a hospital that commences conducting, operating, or
3 maintaining a hospital that is not exempt from payment of the
4 assessment under section 5 of this act and that did not conduct,
5 operate, or maintain such hospital throughout the cost reporting year
6 used to determine the assessment amount, the assessment for that
7 hospital shall be computed on the basis of the actual number of
8 nonmedicare inpatient days reported to the department by the hospital
9 on a quarterly basis. The hospital shall be eligible to receive
10 increased payments under this chapter beginning on the date it
11 commences hospital operations.

12 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if a
13 hospital previously subject to assessment is sold or transferred to
14 another entity and remains subject to assessment, the assessment for
15 that hospital shall be computed based upon the cost report data
16 previously submitted by that hospital. The assessment shall be
17 allocated between the transferor and transferee based on the number of
18 days within the assessment period that each owned, operated, or
19 maintained the hospital.

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21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** CONDITIONS. (1) The assessment,
22 collection, and disbursement of funds under this chapter shall be
23 conditional upon:

24 (a) Withdrawal of those aspects of any pending state plan
25 amendments previously submitted to the centers for medicare and
26 medicaid services that are inconsistent with this chapter,
27 specifically any pending state plan amendment related to the four
28 percent rate reductions for inpatient and outpatient hospital rates
29 and elimination of the small rural disproportionate share hospital
30 payment program as implemented July 1, 2009;

31 (b) Approval by the centers for medicare and medicaid services of
32 any state plan amendments or waiver requests that are necessary in
33 order to implement the applicable sections of this chapter;

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1 (c) To the extent necessary, amendment of contracts between the
2 department and managed care organizations in order to implement this
3 chapter; and

4 (d) Certification by the office of financial management that
5 appropriations have been adopted that fully support the rates
6 established in this chapter for the upcoming fiscal year.

7 (2) This chapter does not take effect or ceases to be imposed, and
8 any moneys remaining in the fund shall be refunded to hospitals in
9 proportion to the amounts paid by such hospitals, if and to the extent
10 that:

11 (a) An appellate court or the centers for medicare and medicaid
12 services makes a final determination that any element of this chapter,
13 other than section 11 of this act, cannot be validly implemented;

14 (b) Medicaid inpatient or outpatient reimbursement rates for
15 hospitals are reduced below the combined rates established by sections
16 9 and 10 of this act;

17 (c) Except for payments to the University of Washington medical
18 center and harborview medical center, payments to hospitals required
19 under sections 9, 10, 12, and 13 of this act are not eligible for
20 federal matching funds;

21 (d) Other funding available for the medicaid program is not
22 sufficient to maintain medicaid inpatient and outpatient reimbursement
23 rates for hospitals and small rural disproportionate share payments at
24 one hundred percent of the levels in effect on July 1, 2009; or

25 (e) The fund is used as a substitute for or to supplant other
26 funds, except as authorized by section 3(3)(e) of this act.

27
28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** SEVERABILITY. (1) The provisions of this
29 chapter are not severable: If the conditions set forth in section
30 17(1) of this act are not satisfied or if any of the circumstances set
31 forth in section 17(2) of this act should occur, this entire chapter
32 shall have no effect from that point forward, except that if the
33 payment under section 11 of this act, or the application thereof to
34 any hospital or circumstances does not receive approval by the centers

1 for medicare and medicaid services as described in section 17(1)(b) of
2 this act or is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid,
3 the other provisions of this chapter or its application to hospitals
4 or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall
5 not be affected thereby.

6 (2) In the event that any portion of this chapter shall have been
7 validly implemented and the entire chapter is later rendered
8 ineffective under this section, prior assessments and payments under
9 the validly implemented portions shall not be affected.

10 (3) In the event that the payment under section 11 of this act, or
11 the application thereof to any hospital or circumstances does not
12 receive approval by the centers for medicare and medicaid services as
13 described in section 17(1)(b) of this act or is determined to be
14 unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the amount of the assessment
15 shall be adjusted under section 6(1)(c) of this act.

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17 **Sec. 19.** 2009 c 564 s 209 (uncodified) is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES--MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**
20 **PROGRAM**

21	General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2010)	\$1,597,387,000
22	General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2011)	\$1,984,797,000
23	General Fund--Federal Appropriation	\$5,210,672,000
24	General Fund--Private/Local Appropriation	\$12,903,000
25	Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Systems	
26	Trust Account--State Appropriation	\$15,076,000
27	Tobacco Prevention and Control Account--	
28	State Appropriation	\$3,766,000
29	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$8,824,601,000

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31 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
32 conditions and limitations:

33 (1) Based on quarterly expenditure reports and caseload forecasts,
34 if the department estimates that expenditures for the medical

1 assistance program will exceed the appropriations, the department
2 shall take steps including but not limited to reduction of rates or
3 elimination of optional services to reduce expenditures so that total
4 program costs do not exceed the annual appropriation authority.

5 (2) In determining financial eligibility for medicaid-funded
6 services, the department is authorized to disregard recoveries by
7 Holocaust survivors of insurance proceeds or other assets, as defined
8 in RCW 48.104.030.

9 (3) The legislature affirms that it is in the state's interest for
10 Harborview medical center to remain an economically viable component
11 of the state's health care system.

12 (4) When a person is ineligible for medicaid solely by reason of
13 residence in an institution for mental diseases, the department shall
14 provide the person with the same benefits as he or she would receive
15 if eligible for medicaid, using state-only funds to the extent
16 necessary.

17 (5) In accordance with RCW 74.46.625, \$6,000,000 of the general
18 fund--federal appropriation is provided solely for supplemental
19 payments to nursing homes operated by public hospital districts. The
20 public hospital district shall be responsible for providing the
21 required nonfederal match for the supplemental payment, and the
22 payments shall not exceed the maximum allowable under federal rules.
23 It is the legislature's intent that the payments shall be supplemental
24 to and shall not in any way offset or reduce the payments calculated
25 and provided in accordance with part E of chapter 74.46 RCW. It is
26 the legislature's further intent that costs otherwise allowable for
27 rate- setting and settlement against payments under chapter 74.46 RCW
28 shall not be disallowed solely because such costs have been paid by
29 revenues retained by the nursing home from these supplemental
30 payments. The supplemental payments are subject to retrospective
31 interim and final cost settlements based on the nursing homes' as-
32 filed and final medicare cost reports. The timing of the interim and
33 final cost settlements shall be at the department's discretion.
34 During either the interim cost settlement or the final cost

1 settlement, the department shall recoup from the public hospital
2 districts the supplemental payments that exceed the medicaid cost
3 limit and/or the medicare upper payment limit. The department shall
4 apply federal rules for identifying the eligible incurred medicaid
5 costs and the medicare upper payment limit.

6 (6) \$1,110,000 of the general fund--federal appropriation and
7 \$1,105,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year
8 2011 are provided solely for grants to rural hospitals. The
9 department shall distribute the funds under a formula that provides a
10 relatively larger share of the available funding to hospitals that (a)
11 serve a disproportionate share of low-income and medically indigent
12 patients, and (b) have relatively smaller net financial margins, to
13 the extent allowed by the federal medicaid program.

14 (7) \$9,818,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
15 year 2011, and \$9,865,000 of the general fund--federal appropriation
16 are provided solely for grants to nonrural hospitals. The department
17 shall distribute the funds under a formula that provides a relatively
18 larger share of the available funding to hospitals that (a) serve a
19 disproportionate share of low-income and medically indigent patients,
20 and (b) have relatively smaller net financial margins, to the extent
21 allowed by the federal medicaid program.

22 (8) The department shall continue the inpatient hospital certified
23 public expenditures program for the 2009-11 biennium. The program
24 shall apply to all public hospitals, including those owned or operated
25 by the state, except those classified as critical access hospitals or
26 state psychiatric institutions. The department shall submit reports
27 to the governor and legislature by November 1, 2009, and by November
28 1, 2010, that evaluate whether savings continue to exceed costs for
29 this program. If the certified public expenditures (CPE) program in
30 its current form is no longer cost-effective to maintain, the
31 department shall submit a report to the governor and legislature
32 detailing cost-effective alternative uses of local, state, and federal
33 resources as a replacement for this program. During fiscal year 2010
34 and fiscal year 2011, hospitals in the program shall be paid and shall

1 retain one hundred percent of the federal portion of the allowable
2 hospital cost for each medicaid inpatient fee-for-service claim
3 payable by medical assistance and one hundred percent of the federal
4 portion of the maximum disproportionate share hospital payment
5 allowable under federal regulations. Inpatient medicaid payments
6 shall be established using an allowable methodology that approximates
7 the cost of claims submitted by the hospitals. Payments made to each
8 hospital in the program in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be
9 compared to a baseline amount. The baseline amount will be determined
10 by the total of (a) the inpatient claim payment amounts that would
11 have been paid during the fiscal year had the hospital not been in the
12 CPE program, (b) one half of the indigent assistance disproportionate
13 share hospital payment amounts paid to and retained by each hospital
14 during fiscal year 2005, and (c) all of the other disproportionate
15 share hospital payment amounts paid to and retained by each hospital
16 during fiscal year 2005 to the extent the same disproportionate share
17 hospital programs exist in the 2009-11 biennium. If payments during
18 the fiscal year exceed the hospital's baseline amount, no additional
19 payments will be made to the hospital except the federal portion of
20 allowable disproportionate share hospital payments for which the
21 hospital can certify allowable match. If payments during the fiscal
22 year are less than the baseline amount, the hospital will be paid a
23 state grant equal to the difference between payments during the fiscal
24 year and the applicable baseline amount. Payment of the state grant
25 shall be made in the applicable fiscal year and distributed in monthly
26 payments. The grants will be recalculated and redistributed as the
27 baseline is updated during the fiscal year. The grant payments are
28 subject to an interim settlement within eleven months after the end of
29 the fiscal year. A final settlement shall be performed. To the
30 extent that either settlement determines that a hospital has received
31 funds in excess of what it would have received as described in this
32 subsection, the hospital must repay the excess amounts to the state
33 when requested. \$6,570,000 of the general fund-- state appropriation
34 for fiscal year 2010, which is appropriated in section 204(1) of this

1 act, and \$1,500,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
2 fiscal year 2011, which is appropriated in section 204(1) of this act,
3 are provided solely for state grants for the participating hospitals.
4 Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this section for the remaining
5 state grants for the participating hospitals.

6 (9) The department is authorized to use funds appropriated in this
7 section to purchase goods and supplies through direct contracting with
8 vendors when the department determines it is cost-effective to do so.

9 (10) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this section for the
10 department to continue podiatry services for medicaid-eligible adults.

11 (11) Sufficient amounts are appropriated in this section for the
12 department to provide an adult dental benefit that is at least
13 equivalent to the benefit provided in the 2003-05 biennium.

14 (12) \$93,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
15 year 2010 and \$93,000 of the general fund--federal appropriation are
16 provided solely for the department to pursue a federal Medicaid waiver
17 pursuant to Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5945 (Washington health
18 partnership plan). If the bill is not enacted by June 30, 2009, the
19 amounts provided in this subsection shall lapse.

20 (13) The department shall require managed health care systems that
21 have contracts with the department to serve medical assistance clients
22 to limit any reimbursements or payments the systems make to providers
23 not employed by or under contract with the systems to no more than the
24 medical assistance rates paid by the department to providers for
25 comparable services rendered to clients in the fee-for-service
26 delivery system.

27 (14) Appropriations in this section are sufficient for the
28 department to continue to fund family planning nurses in the community
29 services offices.

30 (15) The department, in coordination with stakeholders, will
31 conduct an analysis of potential savings in utilization of home
32 dialysis. The department shall present its findings to the
33 appropriate house of representatives and senate committees by December
34 2010.

1 (16) A maximum of \$166,875,000 of the general fund--state
2 appropriation and \$38,389,000 of the general fund--federal
3 appropriation may be expended in the fiscal biennium for the general
4 assistance-unemployable medical program, and these amounts are
5 provided solely for this program. Of these amounts, \$10,749,000 of
6 the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2010 and
7 \$10,892,000 of the general fund--federal appropriation are provided
8 solely for payments to hospitals for providing outpatient services to
9 low income patients who are recipients of general assistance-
10 unemployable. Pursuant to RCW 74.09.035, the department shall not
11 expend for the general assistance medical care services program any
12 amounts in excess of the amounts provided in this subsection.

13 (17) If the department determines that it is feasible within the
14 amounts provided in subsection (16) of this section, and without the
15 loss of federal disproportionate share hospital funds, the department
16 shall contract with the carrier currently operating a managed care
17 pilot project for the provision of medical care services to general
18 assistance-unemployable clients. Mental health services shall be
19 included in the services provided through the managed care system. If
20 the department determines that it is feasible, effective October 1,
21 2009, in addition to serving clients in the pilot counties, the
22 carrier shall expand managed care services to clients residing in at
23 least the following counties: Spokane, Yakima, Chelan, Kitsap, and
24 Cowlitz. If the department determines that it is feasible, the
25 carrier shall complete implementation into the remaining counties.
26 Total per person costs to the state, including outpatient and
27 inpatient services and any additional costs due to stop loss
28 agreements, shall not exceed the per capita payments projected for the
29 general assistance-unemployable eligibility category, by fiscal year,
30 in the February 2009 medical assistance expenditures forecast. The
31 department, in collaboration with the carrier, shall seek to improve
32 the transition rate of general assistance clients to the federal
33 supplemental security income program.

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1 (18) The department shall evaluate the impact of the use of a
2 managed care delivery and financing system on state costs and outcomes
3 for general assistance medical clients. Outcomes measured shall
4 include state costs, utilization, changes in mental health status and
5 symptoms, and involvement in the criminal justice system.

6 (19) The department shall report to the governor and the fiscal
7 committees of the legislature by June 1, 2010, on its progress toward
8 achieving a twenty percentage point increase in the generic
9 prescription drug utilization rate.

10 (20) State funds shall not be used by hospitals for advertising
11 purposes.

12 (21) The department shall seek a medicaid state plan amendment to
13 create a professional services supplemental payment program for
14 University of Washington medicine professional providers no later than
15 July 1, 2009. The department shall apply federal rules for
16 identifying the shortfall between current fee-for-service medicaid
17 payments to participating providers and the applicable federal upper
18 payment limit. Participating providers shall be solely responsible
19 for providing the local funds required to obtain federal matching
20 funds. Any incremental costs incurred by the department in the
21 development, implementation, and maintenance of this program will be
22 the responsibility of the participating providers. Participating
23 providers will retain the full amount of supplemental payments
24 provided under this program, net of any potential costs for any
25 related audits or litigation brought against the state. The
26 department shall report to the governor and the legislative fiscal
27 committees on the prospects for expansion of the program to other
28 qualifying providers as soon as feasibility is determined but no later
29 than December 31, 2009. The report will outline estimated impacts on
30 the participating providers, the procedures necessary to comply with
31 federal guidelines, and the administrative resource requirements
32 necessary to implement the program. The department will create a
33 process for expansion of the program to other qualifying providers as
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1 soon as it is determined feasible by both the department and providers
2 but no later than June 30, 2010.

3 (22) \$9,350,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
4 fiscal year 2010, \$8,313,000 of the general fund--state appropriation
5 for fiscal year 2011, and \$20,371,000 of the general fund--federal
6 appropriation are provided solely for development and implementation
7 of a replacement system for the existing medicaid management
8 information system. The amounts provided in this subsection are
9 conditioned on the department satisfying the requirements of section
10 902 of this act.

11 (23) \$506,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
12 year 2011 and \$657,000 of the general fund--federal appropriation are
13 provided solely for the implementation of Second Substitute House Bill
14 No. 1373 (children's mental health). If the bill is not enacted by
15 June 30, 2009, the amounts provided in this subsection shall lapse.

16 (24) Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396(a)(25), the department shall
17 pursue insurance claims on behalf of medicaid children served through
18 its in-home medically intensive child program under WAC 388-551-3000.
19 The department shall report to the Legislature by December 31, 2009,
20 on the results of its efforts to recover such claims.

21 (25) The department may, on a case-by-case basis and in the best
22 interests of the child, set payment rates for medically intensive home
23 care services to promote access to home care as an alternative to
24 hospitalization. Expenditures related to these increased payments
25 shall not exceed the amount the department would otherwise pay for
26 hospitalization for the child receiving medically intensive home care
27 services.

28 (26) \$425,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
29 year 2010, \$425,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
30 fiscal year 2011, and \$1,580,000 of the general fund--federal
31 appropriation are provided solely to continue children's health
32 coverage outreach and education efforts under RCW 74.09.470. These
33 efforts shall rely on existing relationships and systems developed
34 with local public health agencies, health care providers, public

1 schools, the women, infants, and children program, the early childhood
2 education and assistance program, child care providers, newborn
3 visiting nurses, and other community-based organizations. The
4 department shall seek public- private partnerships and federal funds
5 that are or may become available to provide on-going support for
6 outreach and education efforts under the federal children's health
7 insurance program reauthorization act of 2009.

8 (27) The department, in conjunction with the office of financial
9 management, shall ~~((reduce outpatient and inpatient hospital rates
10 and))~~ implement a prorated inpatient payment policy. ~~((In determining
11 the level of reductions needed, the department shall include in its
12 calculations services paid under fee for service, managed care, and
13 certified public expenditure payment methods; but reductions shall not
14 apply to payments for psychiatric inpatient services or payments to
15 critical access hospitals.))~~

16 (28) The department will pursue a competitive procurement process
17 for antihemophilic products, emphasizing evidence-based medicine and
18 protection of patient access without significant disruption in
19 treatment.

20 (29) The department will pursue several strategies towards
21 reducing pharmacy expenditures including but not limited to increasing
22 generic prescription drug utilization by 20 percentage points and
23 promoting increased utilization of the existing mail-order pharmacy
24 program.

25 (30) The department shall reduce reimbursement for over-the-
26 counter medications while maintaining reimbursement for those over-
27 the-counter medications that can replace more costly prescription
28 medications.

29 (31) The department shall seek public-private partnerships and
30 federal funds that are or may become available to implement health
31 information technology projects under the federal American recovery
32 and reinvestment act of 2009.

33 (32) The department shall target funding for maternity support
34 services towards pregnant women with factors that lead to higher rates

1 of poor birth outcomes, including hypertension, a preterm or low birth
2 weight birth in the most recent previous birth, a cognitive deficit or
3 developmental disability, substance abuse, severe mental illness,
4 unhealthy weight or failure to gain weight, tobacco use, or African
5 American or Native American race.

6 (33) The department shall direct graduate medical education funds
7 to programs that focus on primary care training.

8 (34) \$79,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
9 year 2010 and \$53,000 of the general fund--federal appropriation are
10 provided solely to implement Substitute House Bill No. 1845 (medical
11 support obligations).

12 (35) \$63,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
13 year 2010, \$583,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
14 fiscal year 2011, and \$864,000 of the general fund--federal
15 appropriation are provided solely to implement Engrossed House Bill
16 No. 2194 (extraordinary medical placement for offenders). The
17 department shall work in partnership with the department of
18 corrections to identify services and find placements for offenders who
19 are released through the extraordinary medical placement program. The
20 department shall collaborate with the department of corrections to
21 identify and track cost savings to the department of corrections,
22 including medical cost savings, and to identify and track expenditures
23 incurred by the aging and disability services program for community
24 services and by the medical assistance program for medical expenses.
25 A joint report regarding the identified savings and expenditures shall
26 be provided to the office of financial management and the appropriate
27 fiscal committees of the legislature by November 30, 2010. If this
28 bill is not enacted by June 30, 2009, the amounts provided in this
29 subsection shall lapse.

30 (36) Sufficient amounts are provided in this section to provide
31 full benefit dual eligible beneficiaries with medicare part D
32 prescription drug copayment coverage in accordance with RCW 74.09.520.

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1 **Sec. 20.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2009 c 479 s 31, 2009 c 472 s 5, and
2 2009 c 451 s 8 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state
4 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which
5 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

6 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or
7 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the
8 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income
9 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no
10 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest
11 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of
12 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management
13 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require
14 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the
15 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash
16 management improvement act. The office of financial management may
17 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to
18 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and
19 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the
20 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

21 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury
22 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking
23 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to,
24 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state
25 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is
26 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
27 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur
28 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this
29 section.

30 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings
31 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall
32 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the treasury
33 income account except:

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1 The following accounts and funds shall receive their proportionate
2 share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's average daily
3 balance for the period: The aeronautics account, the aircraft search
4 and rescue account, the budget stabilization account, the capitol
5 building construction account, the Cedar River channel construction
6 and operation account, the Central Washington University capital
7 projects account, the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory
8 institutions account, the cleanup settlement account, the Columbia
9 river basin water supply development account, the common school
10 construction fund, the county arterial preservation account, the
11 county criminal justice assistance account, the county sales and use
12 tax equalization account, the data processing building construction
13 account, the deferred compensation administrative account, the
14 deferred compensation principal account, the department of licensing
15 services account, the department of retirement systems expense
16 account, the developmental disabilities community trust account, the
17 drinking water assistance account, the drinking water assistance
18 administrative account, the drinking water assistance repayment
19 account, the Eastern Washington University capital projects account,
20 the education construction fund, the education legacy trust account,
21 the election account, the energy freedom account, the energy recovery
22 act account, the essential rail assistance account, The Evergreen
23 State College capital projects account, the federal forest revolving
24 account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the freight congestion relief
25 account, the freight mobility investment account, the freight mobility
26 multimodal account, the grade crossing protective fund, the public
27 health services account, the health system capacity account, the
28 personal health services account, the high capacity transportation
29 account, the state higher education construction account, the higher
30 education construction account, the highway bond retirement fund, the
31 highway infrastructure account, the highway safety account, the high
32 occupancy toll lanes operations account, the hospital safety net
33 assessment fund, the industrial insurance premium refund account, the
34 judges' retirement account, the judicial retirement administrative

1 account, the judicial retirement principal account, the local
2 leasehold excise tax account, the local real estate excise tax
3 account, the local sales and use tax account, the medical aid account,
4 the mobile home park relocation fund, the motor vehicle fund, the
5 motorcycle safety education account, the multimodal transportation
6 account, the municipal criminal justice assistance account, the
7 municipal sales and use tax equalization account, the natural
8 resources deposit account, the oyster reserve land account, the
9 pension funding stabilization account, the perpetual surveillance and
10 maintenance account, the public employees' retirement system plan 1
11 account, the public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and
12 plan 3 account, the public facilities construction loan revolving
13 account beginning July 1, 2004, the public health supplemental
14 account, the public transportation systems account, the public works
15 assistance account, the Puget Sound capital construction account, the
16 Puget Sound ferry operations account, the Puyallup tribal settlement
17 account, the real estate appraiser commission account, the
18 recreational vehicle account, the regional mobility grant program
19 account, the resource management cost account, the rural arterial
20 trust account, the rural Washington loan fund, the site closure
21 account, the small city pavement and sidewalk account, the special
22 category C account, the special wildlife account, the state employees'
23 insurance account, the state employees' insurance reserve account, the
24 state investment board expense account, the state investment board
25 commingled trust fund accounts, the state patrol highway account, the
26 state route number 520 corridor account, the supplemental pension
27 account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers'
28 retirement system plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement system
29 combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and control
30 account, the tobacco settlement account, the transportation 2003
31 account (nickel account), the transportation equipment fund, the
32 transportation fund, the transportation improvement account, the
33 transportation improvement board bond retirement account, the
34 transportation infrastructure account, the transportation partnership

1 account, the traumatic brain injury account, the tuition recovery
2 trust fund, the University of Washington bond retirement fund, the
3 University of Washington building account, the urban arterial trust
4 account, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and
5 pension principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve
6 officers' administrative fund, the Washington fruit express account,
7 the Washington judicial retirement system account, the Washington law
8 enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 retirement
9 account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters'
10 system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public safety
11 employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school employees'
12 retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the Washington state
13 health insurance pool account, the Washington state patrol retirement
14 account, the Washington State University building account, the
15 Washington State University bond retirement fund, the water pollution
16 control revolving fund, and the Western Washington University capital
17 projects account. Earnings derived from investing balances of the
18 agricultural permanent fund, the normal school permanent fund, the
19 permanent common school fund, the scientific permanent fund, and the
20 state university permanent fund shall be allocated to their respective
21 beneficiary accounts. All earnings to be distributed under this
22 subsection (4) shall first be reduced by the allocation to the state
23 treasurer's service fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190.

24 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
25 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated
26 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

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28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** EXPIRATION. This chapter expires July 1,
29 2013.

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31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** Upon expiration of chapter 74.-- RCW (the
32 new chapter created in section 24 of this act), inpatient and
33 outpatient hospital reimbursement rates shall return to a rate
34 structure no higher than the rate structure in effect as of July 1,

1 2009 as if the four percent medicaid inpatient and outpatient rate
2 reductions did not occur on July 1, 2009, or as otherwise specified in
3 the 2013-15 biennial operating appropriations act.

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5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** EMERGENCY. This act is necessary for the
6 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
7 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
8 and takes effect immediately.

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10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** NEW CHAPTER. Sections 1 through 14, 16
11 through 18, and 21 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 74
12 RCW."

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17 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "Washington;" strike the
18 remainder of the title and insert "amending 2009 c 564 s 209
19 (uncodified); reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092; adding a new
20 section to chapter 70.47 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 74 RCW;
21 creating a new section; providing an expiration date; and declaring an
22 emergency."

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