
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1854

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session

By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by
Representatives Cody, Schmick, and Tharinger)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/17.

1 AN ACT Relating to the transition of medicaid enrollees to
2 skilled nursing facility care; adding a new section to chapter 74.09
3 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The authority and the department of social and health
8 services shall convene a work group consisting of representatives of
9 skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, and managed health care
10 systems. The work group shall identify barriers that may prevent
11 skilled nursing facilities from accepting and admitting enrollees
12 from acute care hospitals in a timely and appropriate manner. The
13 work group shall consider what additional resources are needed to
14 allow for faster transfers of enrollees, including those with complex
15 needs. By December 1, 2017, the authority shall report the work group
16 findings to the governor and the committees of the legislature with
17 jurisdiction over health care matters.

18 (2) This section expires June 30, 2018.

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