
HOUSE BILL 1945

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By Representatives Benson, Linville and Edwards

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1 AN ACT Relating to capital rate add-on payments for boarding homes;
2 adding a new section to chapter 74.39A RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.39A RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The purpose of this section is to recognize the significant
7 financial commitment made by providers to construct new or remodeled
8 housing for the state's elderly who receive medicaid contracted
9 assisted living services in boarding homes. Therefore, boarding home
10 providers who had submitted new construction plans, or plans to remodel
11 an existing boarding home to the department of health, construction
12 review, before June 30, 2002, shall, on the effective date of this act,
13 receive a capital rate add-on as long as:

14 (1) The boarding home provider was receiving a capital rate add-on
15 payment before June 30, 2002; and

16 (2) The boarding home was built or remodeled to provide the
17 following:

18 (a) Private apartment-like units;

1 (b) A kitchen area equipped with a refrigerator, a microwave oven
2 or stovetop, and a counter or table for food preparation. In a new
3 facility, a kitchen area must also be equipped with a sink and counter
4 area, and storage space for utensils and supplies;

5 (c) A lockable entry door;

6 (d) A separate private bathroom, including a sink, toilet, and
7 shower or bathtub. In a new facility, a minimum of fifty percent of
8 the bathrooms shall be wheelchair accessible and have a roll-in shower;

9 (e) In a remodeled facility, an individual unit shall have a
10 minimum of one hundred eighty square feet including counters, closets,
11 and built-ins, excluding the bathroom. In a new facility, an
12 individual unit shall have a minimum of two hundred twenty square feet
13 including counters, closets, and built-ins, excluding the bathroom;

14 (f) A living area shall be wired for telephone service and, where
15 geographically possible, wired for television service;

16 (g) In a new facility, the contractor shall provide a private
17 accessible mailbox; and

18 (h) A home-like smoke-free common area or areas with sufficient
19 space for socialization designed to meet resident needs.

20 The capital rate add-on payment made under this section shall be at
21 least equal to the rate amount received before implementation of the
22 capital rate add-on reduction in funding resulting from chapter 371,
23 Laws of 2002.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
26 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
27 immediately.

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