
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1527

State of Washington

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By House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Green, and Johnson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/13.

1 AN ACT Relating to services for people with developmental
2 disabilities; adding new sections to chapter 71A.20 RCW; and providing
3 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 71A.20 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department:

8 (1) Shall, within thirty days of admission to a residential
9 habilitation center, ensure that each resident's individual
10 habilitation plan includes a plan for discharge to the community;

11 (2) Shall use a person-centered approach in developing the
12 discharge plan to assess the resident's needs and identify services the
13 resident requires to successfully transition to the community,
14 including:

15 (a) Providing choice of community living options and providers,
16 consistent with federal requirements, including offering to place, with
17 the consent of the resident or his or her guardian, each resident of
18 the residential habilitation center on the appropriate home and
19 community-based waiver, as authorized under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396n, and

1 provide continued access to the services through medicaid and through
2 state funds made available for this purpose that meet his or her
3 assessed needs;

4 (b) Providing residents and their families or guardians
5 opportunities to visit state-operated living alternatives and supported
6 living options in the community. Such visits must be conducted with
7 the consent of the residents of these community facilities;

8 (c) Offering residents leaving a residential habilitation center a
9 "right to return" to an intermediate care facility for individuals with
10 disabilities for two years following their move;

11 (d) Addressing services in addition to those that will be provided
12 by providers of residential services that are necessary to address the
13 resident's assessed needs, including:

- 14 (i) Medical services;
- 15 (ii) Nursing services;
- 16 (iii) Dental care;
- 17 (iv) Behavioral and mental health supports;
- 18 (v) Habilitation services; and
- 19 (vi) Employment or other day support;

20 (3) Shall assure that, prior to discharge from a residential
21 habilitation center, clients continue to receive services for which
22 they have an assessed need;

23 (4) Shall maximize federal funding for transitioning clients, such
24 as utilizing the roads to community living grant;

25 (5) Shall use any savings achieved through efficiencies to extend
26 services, including state-staffed and private contractor-staffed crisis
27 stabilization and respite services, to people with developmental
28 disabilities currently receiving limited or no services, consistent
29 with RCW 71A.10.015;

30 (6) Shall employ the quality assurance process currently in use by
31 the department to monitor the adjustment of each resident who leaves a
32 residential habilitation center.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.20 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 (1) Beginning November 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the
36 department shall submit information to the appropriate committees of

1 the legislature regarding persons who have transitioned from
2 residential habilitation centers to the community, for the first two
3 years following each person's new placement, including:
4 (a) Progress toward meeting the requirements of this act;
5 (b) Client and guardian satisfaction with services;
6 (c) Stability of placement and provider turnover, including
7 information on returns to a residential habilitation center under
8 section 1(2)(d) of this act;
9 (d) Safety and health outcomes;
10 (e) Types of services received by clients transitioned to the
11 community; and
12 (f) Continued accessibility of former residents to family.
13 (2) This section expires November 1, 2018.

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