
SENATE BILL 6176

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By Senator Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to adjusting medical assistance payment rates for
2 hospitals; and amending RCW 74.09.5225.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.5225 and 2005 c 383 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Payments for recipients eligible for medical assistance
7 programs under this chapter for services provided by hospitals,
8 regardless of the beneficiary's managed care enrollment status, shall
9 be made based on allowable costs incurred during the year, when
10 services are provided by a rural hospital certified by the centers for
11 medicare and medicaid services as a critical access hospital. Any
12 additional payments made by the medical assistance administration for
13 the healthy options program shall be no more than the additional
14 amounts per service paid under this section for other medical
15 assistance programs. The department may adjust payment rates to
16 comport with payment rate changes made to noncritical access hospitals.

17 (2) Beginning on July 24, 2005, a moratorium shall be placed on
18 additional hospital participation in critical access hospital payments
19 under this section. However, rural hospitals that applied for

1 certification to the centers for medicare and medicaid services prior
2 to January 1, 2005, but have not yet completed the process or have not
3 yet been approved for certification, remain eligible for medical
4 assistance payments under this section.

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