



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Olympia, WA 98504-5000

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Implementation of Senate Bill 6807

Dear Interested Party:

The department has received a number of inquiries about its plans for implementation of Senate Bill 6807 which affects the ability of boarding homes to transfer or discharge certain residents. The bill requires retention of Medicaid residents residing in the facility on the "effective date" of the boarding home's withdrawal from the Medicaid program, as well as certain residents who convert to Medicaid within 180 days of the "effective date" of withdrawal. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the department has completed its review of Senate Bill 6807, which became effective when the Governor signed it on March 28, 2008.

Three entities that operate a total of 21 boarding homes have given notice of termination of their Medicaid contracts. The department has advised those entities that their contract terminations will be subject to the requirements of SB 6807 because their withdrawal from the Medicaid program did not take effect before March 28, 2008. If these Medicaid contracts are terminated as requested, the facilities will be required to retain their current Medicaid residents as well as those who have paid privately for at least two years and who convert to Medicaid within 180 days of the termination date.

The Department will expect all boarding homes that continue to participate in the Medicaid program to comply with the requirements of applicable statutes and regulations and with the specific terms of the residents' admissions agreements and disclosure statements with respect to transfer or discharge of Medicaid residents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (360) 725-2260.

Sincerely,

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