

[TO SUBSTITUTE BILL No. 1]

Page 2-after line 10 Insert and renumber:

"(iii) "Uncompensated charity care" means hospital care that an individual cannot reasonably be expected to pay for due to poverty. The department in administering this article shall use the definition of uncompensated charity care used by the federal government in preparing the Medicare cost report."

Page 2-line 16 After "established." Insert "The account shall be administered by the department."

Page 2-line 18 Delete "an annual" insert "a quarterly".

Page 3-line 13 After "distributions" insert "for uncompensated charity care"; after "2015." insert "In calculating its uncompensated charity care each hospital shall use the cost-to-charge ratio in its most recent Medicare cost report."

Page 4-lines 7 through 13 Delete and insert:

"35-2-1104. Uncompensated charity care account; limits on distributions.

The department shall limit hospitals' distributions under this article for uncompensated charity care as provided in this section. The department shall calculate each hospital's fractional share of the total uncompensated charity care as shown in the most recent audited and settled Medicare cost report as of June 1, 2015. A hospital's distribution shall not exceed the available appropriated funds, multiplied by that hospital's fractional share of the total charity care.". SCOTT, PETERSON, LANDEN