Governor Gregoire Proposed 2008 Supplemental Budget Rate Increases for Long-Term Care

Items of Interest to the Jt. Legislative Task Force on Long-Term Care Residential Facility Payment Systems

FY 09 New Funding

Nursing Homes:

- \$7.4 M GF-S (\$15 M Total) rate increase for low-wage worker benefits or pay increases and/or enrichment of staffing levels.
- \$1.8 M GF-S (\$3.7 M Total) to fund current nursing home expenditures over the "budget dial".
- No recommendations for the \$8.8 M GF-S; left to the Task Force.

Adult Family Homes:

• \$2.1 M GF-S (\$4.4 M Total) for an additional 2.8% vendor rate increase for "parity" with the percentage increase given to Boarding Homes in the 2008 session. (Yields a 4.8% total increase for FY09, including the current 2% already funded.)

No systemic changes proposed for nursing facilities or community residential.