

- (a) Sale or transfer of the property to an ownership making it exempt from taxation;
- (b) Alteration or destruction through no fault of the owner; or
- (c) A taking through the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

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CHAPTER 222

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 4574]

CHORE SERVICES

AN ACT Relating to chore services; amending RCW 74.08.541; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 17, chapter 6, Laws of 1981 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 39, chapter 41, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 74.08.541 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) "Chore services," as used in this chapter, means services in performing light work and household and other personal tasks which eligible persons are unable to do for themselves because of frailty or handicapping conditions.

(2) Persons eligible for chore services are adult individuals having resources less than a level determined by the department, and whose ((level of)) need for chore services and risk of being placed in a residential care facility have been determined by the department.

(a) Persons are eligible for the level or amount of services determined by the department under RCW 74.08.545 if the persons are: (i) Adult recipients of supplemental security income((;)) or state supplementation((; or)); (ii) eligible at the time their eligibility for chore services is determined or redetermined, for limited casualty program medical care as defined by RCW 74.09.010((, are eligible for services at no cost. Other individuals are eligible for needed chore services at a reduced level based on their ability to purchase the services.)); or (iii) have an income at or below thirty percent of the state median income.

(b) For other persons, the department shall develop a scale ((of reduced services in comparison to determined need so that recipient participation does not reduce income below thirty percent of the state median income. Subject to the availability of funds, the department shall develop a sliding scale of participation considering a portion of income between thirty percent and fifty percent of the state median income and all income above

~~fifty percent of the state median income. Any scale of reduced service developed by the department shall maintain services as in effect on August 23, 1983, to those persons below thirty percent of the state median income. However, the department is authorized to continue, without reduction, benefits provided to persons receiving chore services on August 23, 1983) which progressively reduces the level or amount of chore services provided by the department based on the ability of applicants and recipients to purchase the services. To determine the ability of applicants and recipients to purchase chore services, the department shall not consider income below thirty percent of the state median income.~~

(c) Effort shall be made to obtain chore services from volunteer chore service providers under the senior citizens services act, chapter 74.38 RCW, for those individuals at risk of being placed in a residential care facility and who are age sixty or over but eligible for five hours of chore services per month or less, rather than have those services provided by paid providers. Any individual at risk of being placed in a residential care facility and who is age sixty or over but not eligible for chore services or eligible for a reduced ((level)) amount of service shall be referred to ((the)) a volunteer chore service program under the senior citizens services act, chapter 74.38 RCW, where ((such program exists)) available for needed ((hours or)) services not ((provided)) authorized by the department.

(d) Individuals determined by the department to be eligible for adult protective services are eligible to receive emergency chore services without regard to income if the services are essential to, and a subordinate part of, the adult protective services plan. Emergency chore services under adult protective services shall be provided only until the ((emergent)) situation necessitating the services has stabilized, not to exceed ninety days.

((For clients whose chore services are authorized on an hourly basis,)) (3) The department shall establish a monthly dollar lid on chore ((service hours, which shall be allocated to the department's community service offices. This lid shall be established at a level set by the department. The department shall also establish a monthly rate lid to apply to clients whose chore services are authorized on a monthly rate basis)) services expenditures as necessary to maintain such expenditures within the legislative appropriation. To maintain expenditures for chore services within the limits of funds appropriated for this purpose, the department may reduce the level or amount of services authorized below the level of need assessed pursuant to RCW 74.08.545 for some or all recipients, but the reductions shall be done in a manner which maintains state-wide uniformity of eligibility and service authorization standards and which considers the level of need for services and the degree of risk of being placed in a residential care facility of all applicants for, and recipients of, chore services.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state

government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 223

[Engrossed House Bill No. 1630]

HEALTH CARE SERVICE CONTRACTORS

AN ACT Relating to health care service contractors; amending RCW 48.44.020, 48.44.030, 48.44.080, 48.44.145, 48.44.290, 48.44.300, 48.44.310, and 48.44.350; reenacting and amending RCW 48.44.010; adding new sections to chapter 48.44 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 268, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 3, chapter 154, Laws of 1983 and by section 3, chapter 286, Laws of 1983 and RCW 48.44.010 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Health care services" means and includes medical, surgical, dental, chiropractic, hospital, optometric, podiatric, pharmaceutical, ambulance, custodial, mental health, and other therapeutic services. (~~(Ambulance services licensed in this state, the services of an optometrist licensed by the state of Washington, the services of a podiatrist licensed by the state of Washington, and the services of a pharmacist registered by the state of Washington are also declared to be health care services for the purposes of this chapter.)~~)

(2) (~~"Doctor"~~) "Provider" means any person lawfully licensed or authorized by the state of Washington to render any health care services.

(3) "Health care service contractor" means any corporation, cooperative group, or association, which (~~(corporation, cooperative group, or association)~~) is sponsored by or otherwise intimately connected with a (~~(group of doctors licensed by the state of Washington or by a group of hospitals licensed by the state of Washington, or doctor licensed by the state of Washington, or group of doctors licensed by the state of Washington)~~) provider or group of providers, who or which not otherwise being engaged in the insurance business, accepts prepayment for health care services from or for the benefit of persons or groups of persons as consideration for providing such persons with any health care services. (~~(The term also includes any corporation, cooperative group, or association, sponsored by or otherwise intimately connected with a group of pharmacists registered by the state of Washington, or any pharmacist, or group of pharmacists, registered by the~~)