

# Bree Difficult to Discharge

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# Brainstorming Solutions and Resources



# The problems



- What are the main concerns for the difficulty to discharge patients in Washington State?

# Potential Solutions



- What actions or programs can improve discharge practices in Washington?
- What are some barriers to implementing these solutions?

# Existing Discharge Resources and Information



- [WA Health Care Authority: Discharge Planner Toolkit](#)
- [Washington State Department of Social and Health Services](#)
- WSHA Discharge Collaborative
- [House Health Care and Wellness Committee Presentation](#)
- Current Legislation
  - [In effect – RCW 70.41.322](#): Long-term care — patient discharge requirements for hospitals and acute care facilities
  - [In committee -SB 5103](#): Concerning payment to acute care hospitals for difficult to discharge Medicaid patients

# Opportunities for Impact



- Aligning definitions around discharge and assigning responsibilities.
- Use data to identify barriers to discharge and priority populations.
- Standardizing discharge planning protocols and practices.
- Identifying practices and partnerships to increase access to appropriate post-acute care facilities.
- Form recommendations for further collaboration and investigation on difficult to discharge patients.