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By Senators Quigley, Moyer, Wojahn, Franklin, Deccio and Winsley; by request of Health Services Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to development of a long-term care integration
2 plan; amending RCW 43.72.800; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.72.800 and 1993 c 492 s 457 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) To meet the health needs of the residents of Washington state,
7 it is critical to finance and provide long-term care and support
8 services through an integrated, comprehensive system that promotes
9 human dignity and recognizes the individuality of all functionally
10 disabled persons. This system shall be available, accessible, and
11 responsive to all residents based upon an assessment of their
12 functional disabilities. The governor and the legislature recognize
13 that families, volunteers, and community organizations are essential
14 for the delivery of effective and efficient long-term care and support
15 services, and that this private and public service infrastructure
16 should be supported and strengthened. Further, it is important to
17 provide benefits without requiring family or program beneficiary
18 impoverishment for service eligibility.

1 (2) To realize the need for a strong long-term care system and to
2 carry out the November 30, 1992, final recommendations of the
3 Washington health care cost control and access commission, established
4 under House Concurrent Resolution No. 4443 adopted by the legislature
5 in 1990, related to long-term care, the commission shall:

6 (a) Engage in a planning process, in conjunction with an advisory
7 committee appointed for this purpose, for the inclusion of long-term
8 care services in the uniform benefits package established under RCW
9 43.72.130 by July 1999;

10 (b) Include in its planning process consideration of the scope of
11 services to be covered, the cost of and financing of such coverage, the
12 means through which existing long-term care programs and delivery
13 systems can be coordinated and integrated, and the means through which
14 family members can be supported in their role as informal caregivers
15 for their parents, spouses, or other relatives.

16 (3) The commission shall submit recommendations concerning any
17 necessary statutory changes or modifications of public policy to the
18 governor and the legislature by January 1, (~~1995~~) 1997.

19 (4) The departments of health, retirement systems, revenue, social
20 and health services, and veterans' affairs, the offices of financial
21 management, insurance commissioner, and state actuary, along with the
22 health care authority, shall participate in the review of the long-term
23 care needs enumerated in this section and provide necessary supporting
24 documentation and staff expertise as requested by the commission.

25 (5) The commission shall include in its planning process, the
26 development of two social health maintenance organization long-term
27 care pilot projects. The two pilot projects shall be referred to as
28 the Washington life care pilot projects. Each life care pilot program
29 shall be a single-entry system administered by an individual
30 organization that is responsible for bringing together a full range of
31 medical and long-term care services. The commission, in coordination
32 with the appropriate agencies and departments, shall establish a
33 Washington life care benefits package that shall include the uniform
34 benefits package established in chapter 492, Laws of 1993 and long-term
35 care services. The Washington life care benefits package shall
36 include, but not be limited to, the following long-term care services:
37 Case management, intake and assessment, nursing home care, adult family
38 home care, home health and home health aide care, hospice, chore
39 services/homemaker/personal care, adult day care, respite care, and

1 appropriate social services. The pilot project shall develop
2 assessment and case management protocol that emphasize home and
3 community-based care long-term care options.

4 (a) In designing the pilot projects, the commission shall address
5 the following issues: Costs for the long-term care benefits, a
6 projected case-mix based upon disability, the required federal waiver
7 package, reimbursement, capitation methodology, marketing and
8 enrollment, management information systems, identification of the most
9 appropriate case management models, provider contracts, and the
10 preferred organizational design that will serve as a functioning model
11 for efficiently and effectively transitioning long-term care services
12 into the uniform benefits package established in chapter 492, Laws of
13 1993. The commission shall also be responsible for establishing the
14 size of the two membership pools.

15 (b) Each program shall enroll applicants based on their level of
16 functional disability and personal care needs. The distribution of
17 these functional level categories and ethnicity within the enrolled
18 program population shall be representative of their distribution within
19 the community, using the best available data to estimate the community
20 distributions.

21 (c) The two sites selected for the Washington life care pilot
22 program(~~({s})~~) s shall be drawn from the largest urban areas and
23 include one site in the eastern part of the state and one site in the
24 western part of the state. The two organizations selected to manage
25 and coordinate the life care services shall have the proven ability to
26 provide ambulatory care, personal care/chore services, dental care,
27 case management and referral services, must be accredited and licensed
28 to provide long-term care for home health services, and may be licensed
29 to provide nursing home care.

30 (d) The report on the development and establishment date of the two
31 social health maintenance organizations shall be submitted to the
32 governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by September 16,
33 1994. If the necessary federal waivers cannot be secured by January 1,
34 1995, the commission may elect to not establish the two pilot programs.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
36 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

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

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