
SENATE BILL 6824

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By Senators Parlette and Becker

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing health carriers to offer plans
2 equivalent to the basic health plan; adding a new section to chapter
3 48.43 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Health carriers may offer a health benefit plan that is actuarially
8 equivalent to the same schedule of covered basic health care services
9 established by the administrator of the health care authority for
10 nonsubsidized enrollees. The health benefit plan may include physician
11 services, inpatient and outpatient hospital services, prescription
12 drugs and medications, and other services that may be necessary for
13 basic health care. Health carriers must be subject to the same
14 provisions of Title 48 RCW as required of the Washington basic health
15 care plan under RCW 70.47.130.

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

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

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