

**2E2SHB 1738** - S COMM AMD  
By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

4 (1) Washington state government must be organized to be efficient,  
5 cost-effective, and responsive to its residents;

6 (2) The cost of state-purchased health care continues to grow at an  
7 unsustainable rate, now representing nearly one-third of the state's  
8 budget and hindering our ability to invest in other essential services  
9 such as education and public safety;

10 (3) Responsibility for state health care purchasing is currently  
11 spread over multiple agencies, but successful interagency collaboration  
12 on quality and cost initiatives has helped demonstrate the benefits to  
13 the state of centralized health care purchasing;

14 (4) Consolidating the majority of state health care purchasing into  
15 a single state agency will best position the state to work with others,  
16 including private sector purchasers, health insurance carriers, health  
17 care providers, and consumers to increase the quality and affordability  
18 of health care for all state residents;

19 (5) The development and implementation of uniform state policies  
20 for all state-purchased health care is among the purposes for which the  
21 health care authority was originally created; and

22 (6) The state will be best able to take advantage of the  
23 opportunities and meet its obligations under the federal affordable  
24 care act, including establishment of a health benefit exchange and  
25 medicaid expansion, if primary responsibility for doing so rests with  
26 a single state agency.

27 The legislature therefore intends, where appropriate, to  
28 consolidate state health care purchasing within the health care  
29 authority, positioning the state to use its full purchasing power to

1 get the greatest value for its money, and allowing other agencies to  
2 focus even more intently on their core missions.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.09.010 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 8 s 28 are each  
4 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

5 ~~((As used in this chapter:))~~ The definitions in this section apply  
6 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (1) "Authority" means the Washington state health care authority.

8 (2) "Children's health program" means the health care services  
9 program provided to children under eighteen years of age and in  
10 households with incomes at or below the federal poverty level as  
11 annually defined by the federal department of health and human services  
12 as adjusted for family size, and who are not otherwise eligible for  
13 medical assistance or the limited casualty program for the medically  
14 needy.

15 ~~((2) "Committee" means the children's health services committee~~  
16 ~~created in section 3 of this act.))~~

17 (3) "County" means the board of county commissioners, county  
18 council, county executive, or tribal jurisdiction, or its designee.  
19 ~~((A combination of two or more county authorities or tribal~~  
20 ~~jurisdictions may enter into joint agreements to fulfill the~~  
21 ~~requirements of RCW 74.09.415 through 74.09.435.))~~

22 (4) "Department" means the department of social and health  
23 services.

24 (5) "Department of health" means the Washington state department of  
25 health created pursuant to RCW 43.70.020.

26 (6) "Director" means the director of the Washington state health  
27 care authority.

28 (7) "Full benefit dual eligible beneficiary" means an individual  
29 who, for any month: Has coverage for the month under a medicare  
30 prescription drug plan or medicare advantage plan with part D coverage;  
31 and is determined eligible by the state for full medicaid benefits for  
32 the month under any eligibility category in the state's medicaid plan  
33 or a section 1115 demonstration waiver that provides pharmacy benefits.

34 ~~((7))~~ (8) "Internal management" means the administration of  
35 medical assistance, medical care services, the children's health  
36 program, and the limited casualty program.

1        ~~((8))~~ (9) "Limited casualty program" means the medical care  
2 program provided to medically needy persons as defined under Title XIX  
3 of the federal social security act, and to medically indigent persons  
4 who are without income or resources sufficient to secure necessary  
5 medical services.

6        ~~((9))~~ (10) "Medical assistance" means the federal aid medical  
7 care program provided to categorically needy persons as defined under  
8 Title XIX of the federal social security act.

9        ~~((10))~~ (11) "Medical care services" means the limited scope of  
10 care financed by state funds and provided to disability lifeline  
11 benefits recipients, and recipients of alcohol and drug addiction  
12 services provided under chapter 74.50 RCW.

13        ~~((11))~~ (12) "Nursing home" means nursing home as defined in RCW  
14 18.51.010.

15        ~~((12))~~ (13) "Poverty" means the federal poverty level determined  
16 annually by the United States department of health and human services,  
17 or successor agency.

18        ~~((13))~~ (14) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health  
19 services.

20        **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.09.035 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 8 s 29 and 2010 c 94 s  
21 22 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

22        (1) To the extent of available funds, medical care services may be  
23 provided to recipients of disability lifeline benefits, persons denied  
24 disability lifeline benefits under RCW 74.04.005(5)(b) or 74.04.655 who  
25 otherwise meet the requirements of RCW 74.04.005(5)(a), and recipients  
26 of alcohol and drug addiction services provided under chapter 74.50  
27 RCW, in accordance with medical eligibility requirements established by  
28 the ~~((department))~~ authority. To the extent authorized in the  
29 operating budget, upon implementation of a federal medicaid 1115 waiver  
30 providing federal matching funds for medical care services, these  
31 services also may be provided to persons who have been terminated from  
32 disability lifeline benefits under RCW 74.04.005(5)(h).

33        (2) Determination of the amount, scope, and duration of medical  
34 care services shall be limited to coverage as defined by the  
35 ~~((department))~~ authority, except that adult dental, and routine foot  
36 care shall not be included unless there is a specific appropriation for  
37 these services.

1 (3) The ((department)) authority shall enter into performance-based  
2 contracts with one or more managed health care systems for the  
3 provision of medical care services to recipients of disability lifeline  
4 benefits. The contract must provide for integrated delivery of medical  
5 and mental health services.

6 (4) The ((department)) authority shall establish standards of  
7 assistance and resource and income exemptions, which may include  
8 deductibles and co-insurance provisions. In addition, the  
9 ((department)) authority may include a prohibition against the  
10 voluntary assignment of property or cash for the purpose of qualifying  
11 for assistance.

12 (5) Residents of skilled nursing homes, intermediate care  
13 facilities, and intermediate care facilities for ((the-mentally  
14 ~~retarded~~)) persons with intellectual disabilities, as that term is  
15 described by federal law, who are eligible for medical care services  
16 shall be provided medical services to the same extent as provided to  
17 those persons eligible under the medical assistance program.

18 (6) Payments made by the ((department)) authority under this  
19 program shall be the limit of expenditures for medical care services  
20 solely from state funds.

21 (7) Eligibility for medical care services shall commence with the  
22 date of certification for disability lifeline benefits or the date of  
23 eligibility for alcohol and drug addiction services provided under  
24 chapter 74.50 RCW.

25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 74.09.037 and 2004 c 115 s 3 are each amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 Any card issued ((after December 31, 2005,)) by the ((department))  
28 authority or a managed health care system to a person receiving  
29 services under this chapter, that must be presented to providers for  
30 purposes of claims processing, may not display an identification number  
31 that includes more than a four-digit portion of the person's complete  
32 social security number.

33 **Sec. 5.** RCW 74.09.050 and 2000 c 5 s 15 are each amended to read  
34 as follows:

35 (1) The ((secretary)) director shall appoint such professional  
36 personnel and other assistants and employees, including professional

1 medical screeners, as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the  
2 provisions of this chapter. The medical screeners shall be supervised  
3 by one or more physicians who shall be appointed by the ((secretary))  
4 director or his or her designee. The ((secretary)) director shall  
5 appoint a medical director who is licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71  
6 RCW.

7 (2) Whenever the director's authority is not specifically limited  
8 by law, he or she has complete charge and supervisory powers over the  
9 authority. The director is authorized to create such administrative  
10 structures as deemed appropriate, except as otherwise specified by law.  
11 The director has the power to employ such assistants and personnel as  
12 may be necessary for the general administration of the authority.  
13 Except as elsewhere specified, such employment must be in accordance  
14 with the rules of the state civil service law, chapter 41.06 RCW.

15 **Sec. 6.** RCW 74.09.055 and 2006 c 24 s 1 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 The ((department)) authority is authorized to establish copayment,  
18 deductible, or coinsurance, or other cost-sharing requirements for  
19 recipients of any medical programs defined in RCW 74.09.010, except  
20 that premiums shall not be imposed on children in households at or  
21 below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level.

22 **Sec. 7.** RCW 74.09.075 and 1979 c 141 s 337 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 The department or authority, as appropriate, shall provide ((+a))  
25 (1) for evaluation of employability when a person is applying for  
26 public assistance representing a medical condition as a basis for need,  
27 and ((+b)) (2) for medical reports to be used in the evaluation of  
28 total and permanent disability. It shall further provide for medical  
29 consultation and assistance in determining the need for special diets,  
30 housekeeper and attendant services, and other requirements as found  
31 necessary because of the medical condition under the rules promulgated  
32 by the secretary or director.

33 **Sec. 8.** RCW 74.09.080 and 1979 c 141 s 338 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

1 In carrying out the administrative responsibility of this chapter,  
2 the department or authority, as appropriate:

3 (1) May contract with an individual or a group, may utilize  
4 existing local state public assistance offices, or establish separate  
5 welfare medical care offices on a county or multicounty unit basis as  
6 found necessary; and

7 (2) Shall determine both financial and functional eligibility for  
8 persons applying for long-term care services under chapter 74.39 or  
9 74.39A RCW as a unified process in a single long-term care  
10 organizational unit.

11 **Sec. 9.** RCW 74.09.120 and 2010 c 94 s 23 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 ~~((The department shall purchase necessary physician and dentist~~  
14 ~~services by contract or "fee for service.")) (1) The department shall~~  
15 purchase nursing home care by contract and payment for the care shall  
16 be in accordance with the provisions of chapter 74.46 RCW and rules  
17 adopted by the department ~~((under the authority of RCW 74.46.800))~~. No  
18 payment shall be made to a nursing home which does not permit  
19 inspection by the authority and the department ~~((of social and health~~  
20 ~~services))~~ of every part of its premises and an examination of all  
21 records, including financial records, methods of administration,  
22 general and special dietary programs, the disbursement of drugs and  
23 methods of supply, and any other records the authority or the  
24 department deems relevant to the regulation of nursing home operations,  
25 enforcement of standards for resident care, and payment for nursing  
26 home services.

27 (2) The department may purchase nursing home care by contract in  
28 veterans' homes operated by the state department of veterans affairs  
29 and payment for the care shall be in accordance with the provisions of  
30 chapter 74.46 RCW and rules adopted by the department under the  
31 authority of RCW 74.46.800.

32 (3) The department may purchase care in institutions for persons  
33 with intellectual disabilities, also known as intermediate care  
34 facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities. The department  
35 shall establish rules for reasonable accounting and reimbursement  
36 systems for such care. Institutions for persons with intellectual  
37 disabilities include licensed nursing homes, public institutions,

1 licensed boarding homes with fifteen beds or less, and hospital  
2 facilities certified as intermediate care facilities for persons with  
3 intellectual disabilities under the federal medicaid program to provide  
4 health, habilitative, or rehabilitative services and twenty-four hour  
5 supervision for persons with intellectual disabilities or related  
6 conditions and includes in the program "active treatment" as federally  
7 defined.

8 (4) The department may purchase care in institutions for mental  
9 diseases by contract. The department shall establish rules for  
10 reasonable accounting and reimbursement systems for such care.  
11 Institutions for mental diseases are certified under the federal  
12 medicaid program and primarily engaged in providing diagnosis,  
13 treatment, or care to persons with mental diseases, including medical  
14 attention, nursing care, and related services.

15 (5) Both the department and the authority may each purchase all  
16 other services provided under this chapter by contract or at rates  
17 established by the department or the authority respectively.

18 **Sec. 10.** RCW 74.09.160 and 1991 c 103 s 1 are each amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 Each vendor or group who has a contract and is rendering service to  
21 eligible persons as defined in this chapter shall submit such charges  
22 as agreed upon between the department or authority, as appropriate, and  
23 the individual or group no later than twelve months from the date of  
24 service. If the final charges are not presented within the twelve-  
25 month period, they shall not be a charge against the state. Said  
26 twelve-month period may also be extended by regulation, but only if  
27 required by applicable federal law or regulation, and to no more than  
28 the extension of time so required. ~~((For services rendered prior to  
29 July 28, 1991, final charges shall not be a charge against the state  
30 unless they are presented within one hundred twenty days from the date  
31 of service.))~~

32 **Sec. 11.** RCW 74.09.180 and 1997 c 236 s 1 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34 (1) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to recipients  
35 whose personal injuries are occasioned by negligence or wrong of  
36 another: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the ~~((secretary))~~ director may

1 furnish assistance, under the provisions of this chapter, for the  
2 results of injuries to or illness of a recipient, and the  
3 (~~department~~) authority shall thereby be subrogated to the recipient's  
4 rights against the recovery had from any tort feisor or the tort  
5 feisor's insurer, or both, and shall have a lien thereupon to the  
6 extent of the value of the assistance furnished by the (~~department~~)  
7 authority. To secure reimbursement for assistance provided under this  
8 section, the (~~department~~) authority may pursue its remedies under  
9 (~~RCW 43.20B.060~~) section 94 of this act.

10 (2) The rights and remedies provided to the (~~department~~)  
11 authority in this section to secure reimbursement for assistance,  
12 including the (~~department's~~) authority's lien and subrogation rights,  
13 may be delegated to a managed health care system by contract entered  
14 into pursuant to RCW 74.09.522. A managed health care system may  
15 enforce all rights and remedies delegated to it by the (~~department~~)  
16 authority to secure and recover assistance provided under a managed  
17 health care system consistent with its agreement with the  
18 (~~department~~) authority.

19 **Sec. 12.** RCW 74.09.185 and 1995 c 34 s 6 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 To the extent that payment for covered expenses has been made under  
22 medical assistance for health care items or services furnished to an  
23 individual, in any case where a third party has a legal liability to  
24 make payments, the state is considered to have acquired the rights of  
25 the individual to payment by any other party for those health care  
26 items or services. Recovery pursuant to the subrogation rights,  
27 assignment, or enforcement of the lien granted to the (~~department~~)  
28 authority by this section shall not be reduced, prorated, or applied to  
29 only a portion of a judgment, award, or settlement, except as provided  
30 in (~~RCW 43.20B.050 and 43.20B.060~~) sections 93 and 94 of this act.  
31 The doctrine of equitable subrogation shall not apply to defeat,  
32 reduce, or prorate recovery by the (~~department~~) authority as to its  
33 assignment, lien, or subrogation rights.

34 **Sec. 13.** RCW 74.09.190 and 1979 c 141 s 342 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as empowering the



1 secretary or director to compel any recipient of public assistance and  
2 a medical indigent person to undergo any physical examination, surgical  
3 operation, or accept any form of medical treatment contrary to the  
4 wishes of said person who relies on or is treated by prayer or  
5 spiritual means in accordance with the creed and tenets of any well  
6 recognized church or religious denomination.

7 **Sec. 14.** RCW 74.09.200 and 1979 ex.s. c 152 s 1 are each amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 The legislature finds and declares it to be in the public interest  
10 and for the protection of the health and welfare of the residents of  
11 the state of Washington that a proper regulatory and inspection program  
12 be instituted in connection with the providing of medical, dental, and  
13 other health services to recipients of public assistance and medically  
14 indigent persons. In order to effectively accomplish such purpose and  
15 to assure that the recipient of such services receives such services as  
16 are paid for by the state of Washington, the acceptance by the  
17 recipient of such services, and by practitioners of reimbursement for  
18 performing such services, shall authorize the secretary (~~of the~~  
19 ~~department of social and health services~~) or (~~his designee~~)  
20 director, to inspect and audit all records in connection with the  
21 providing of such services.

22 **Sec. 15.** RCW 74.09.210 and 1989 c 175 s 146 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (1) No person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, agency,  
25 institution, or other legal entity, but not including an individual  
26 public assistance recipient of health care, shall, on behalf of himself  
27 or others, obtain or attempt to obtain benefits or payments under this  
28 chapter in a greater amount than that to which entitled by means of:

29 (a) A willful false statement;

30 (b) By willful misrepresentation, or by concealment of any material  
31 facts; or

32 (c) By other fraudulent scheme or device, including, but not  
33 limited to:

34 (i) Billing for services, drugs, supplies, or equipment that were  
35 unfurnished, of lower quality, or a substitution or misrepresentation  
36 of items billed; or

1 (ii) Repeated billing for purportedly covered items, which were not  
2 in fact so covered.

3 (2) Any person or entity knowingly violating any of the provisions  
4 of subsection (1) of this section shall be liable for repayment of any  
5 excess benefits or payments received, plus interest at the rate and in  
6 the manner provided in RCW 43.20B.695. Such person or other entity  
7 shall further, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, be  
8 subject to civil penalties. The secretary or director, as appropriate,  
9 may assess civil penalties in an amount not to exceed three times the  
10 amount of such excess benefits or payments: PROVIDED, That these civil  
11 penalties shall not apply to any acts or omissions occurring prior to  
12 September 1, 1979. RCW 43.20A.215 governs notice of a civil fine and  
13 provides the right to an adjudicative proceeding.

14 (3) A criminal action need not be brought against a person for that  
15 person to be civilly liable under this section.

16 (4) In all proceedings under this section, service, adjudicative  
17 proceedings, and judicial review of such determinations shall be in  
18 accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative procedure act.

19 (5) Civil penalties shall be deposited in the general fund upon  
20 their receipt.

21 **Sec. 16.** RCW 74.09.240 and 1995 c 319 s 1 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 (1) Any person, including any corporation, that solicits or  
24 receives any remuneration (including any kickback, bribe, or rebate)  
25 directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind

26 (a) in return for referring an individual to a person for the  
27 furnishing or arranging for the furnishing of any item or service for  
28 which payment may be made in whole or in part under this chapter, or

29 (b) in return for purchasing, leasing, ordering, or arranging for  
30 or recommending purchasing, leasing, or ordering any goods, facility,  
31 service, or item for which payment may be made in whole or in part  
32 under this chapter,

33 shall be guilty of a class C felony; however, the fine, if imposed,  
34 shall not be in an amount more than twenty-five thousand dollars,  
35 except as authorized by RCW 9A.20.030.

36 (2) Any person, including any corporation, that offers or pays any

1 remuneration (including any kickback, bribe, or rebate) directly or  
2 indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind to any person to  
3 induce such person

4 (a) to refer an individual to a person for the furnishing or  
5 arranging for the furnishing of any item or service for which payment  
6 may be made, in whole or in part, under this chapter, or

7 (b) to purchase, lease, order, or arrange for or recommend  
8 purchasing, leasing, or ordering any goods, facility, service, or item  
9 for which payment may be made in whole or in part under this chapter,  
10 shall be guilty of a class C felony; however, the fine, if imposed,  
11 shall not be in an amount more than twenty-five thousand dollars,  
12 except as authorized by RCW 9A.20.030.

13 (3)(a) Except as provided in 42 U.S.C. 1395 nn, physicians are  
14 prohibited from self-referring any client eligible under this chapter  
15 for the following designated health services to a facility in which the  
16 physician or an immediate family member has a financial relationship:

- 17 (i) Clinical laboratory services;
- 18 (ii) Physical therapy services;
- 19 (iii) Occupational therapy services;
- 20 (iv) Radiology including magnetic resonance imaging, computerized  
21 axial tomography, and ultrasound services;
- 22 (v) Durable medical equipment and supplies;
- 23 (vi) Parenteral and enteral nutrients equipment and supplies;
- 24 (vii) Prosthetics, orthotics, and prosthetic devices;
- 25 (viii) Home health services;
- 26 (ix) Outpatient prescription drugs;
- 27 (x) Inpatient and outpatient hospital services;
- 28 (xi) Radiation therapy services and supplies.

29 (b) For purposes of this subsection, "financial relationship" means  
30 the relationship between a physician and an entity that includes  
31 either:

- 32 (i) An ownership or investment interest; or
- 33 (ii) A compensation arrangement.

34 For purposes of this subsection, "compensation arrangement" means  
35 an arrangement involving remuneration between a physician, or an  
36 immediate family member of a physician, and an entity.

37 (c) The department or authority, as appropriate, is authorized to

1 adopt by rule amendments to 42 U.S.C. 1395 nn enacted after July 23,  
2 1995.

3 (d) This section shall not apply in any case covered by a general  
4 exception specified in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1395 nn.

5 (4) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not apply to:

6 (a) A discount or other reduction in price obtained by a provider  
7 of services or other entity under this chapter if the reduction in  
8 price is properly disclosed and appropriately reflected in the costs  
9 claimed or charges made by the provider or entity under this  
10 chapter(~~(τ)~~); and

11 (b) Any amount paid by an employer to an employee (who has a bona  
12 fide employment relationship with such employer) for employment in the  
13 provision of covered items or services.

14 (5) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section, if applicable to the  
15 conduct involved, shall supersede the criminal provisions of chapter  
16 19.68 RCW, but shall not preclude administrative proceedings authorized  
17 by chapter 19.68 RCW.

18 **Sec. 17.** RCW 74.09.260 and 1991 sp.s. c 8 s 7 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 Any person, including any corporation, that knowingly:

21 (1) Charges, for any service provided to a patient under any  
22 medical care plan authorized under this chapter, money or other  
23 consideration at a rate in excess of the rates established by the  
24 department (~~(of social and health services)~~) or authority, as  
25 appropriate; or

26 (2) Charges, solicits, accepts, or receives, in addition to any  
27 amount otherwise required to be paid under such plan, any gift, money,  
28 donation, or other consideration (other than a charitable, religious,  
29 or philanthropic contribution from an organization or from a person  
30 unrelated to the patient):

31 (a) As a precondition of admitting a patient to a hospital or  
32 nursing facility; or

33 (b) As a requirement for the patient's continued stay in such  
34 facility,

35 when the cost of the services provided therein to the patient is paid  
36 for, in whole or in part, under such plan, shall be guilty of a class

1 C felony: PROVIDED, That the fine, if imposed, shall not be in an  
2 amount more than twenty-five thousand dollars, except as authorized by  
3 RCW 9A.20.030.

4 **Sec. 18.** RCW 74.09.280 and 1979 ex.s. c 152 s 9 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 The secretary (~~(of social and health services)~~) or director may by  
7 rule require that any application, statement, or form filled out by  
8 suppliers of medical care under this chapter shall contain or be  
9 verified by a written statement that it is made under the penalties of  
10 perjury and such declaration shall be in lieu of any oath otherwise  
11 required, and each such paper shall in such event so state. The making  
12 or subscribing of any such papers or forms containing any false or  
13 misleading information may be prosecuted and punished under chapter  
14 9A.72 RCW.

15 **Sec. 19.** RCW 74.09.290 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 749 are each amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 The secretary (~~(of the department of social and health services)~~)  
18 or (~~(his authorized representative)~~) director shall have the authority  
19 to:

20 (1) Conduct audits and investigations of providers of medical and  
21 other services furnished pursuant to this chapter, except that the  
22 Washington state medical quality assurance commission shall generally  
23 serve in an advisory capacity to the secretary or director in the  
24 conduct of audits or investigations of physicians. Any overpayment  
25 discovered as a result of an audit of a provider under this authority  
26 shall be offset by any underpayments discovered in that same audit  
27 sample. In order to determine the provider's actual, usual, customary,  
28 or prevailing charges, the secretary or director may examine such  
29 random representative records as necessary to show accounts billed and  
30 accounts received except that in the conduct of such examinations,  
31 patient names, other than public assistance applicants or recipients,  
32 shall not be noted, copied, or otherwise made available to the  
33 department or authority. In order to verify costs incurred by the  
34 department or authority for treatment of public assistance applicants  
35 or recipients, the secretary or director may examine patient records or  
36 portions thereof in connection with services to such applicants or

1 recipients rendered by a health care provider, notwithstanding the  
2 provisions of RCW 5.60.060, 18.53.200, 18.83.110, or any other statute  
3 which may make or purport to make such records privileged or  
4 confidential: PROVIDED, That no original patient records shall be  
5 removed from the premises of the health care provider, and that the  
6 disclosure of any records or information by the department (~~(of social  
7 and health services))~~ or the authority is prohibited and shall be  
8 punishable as a class C felony according to chapter 9A.20 RCW, unless  
9 such disclosure is directly connected to the official purpose for which  
10 the records or information were obtained: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the  
11 disclosure of patient information as required under this section shall  
12 not subject any physician or other health services provider to any  
13 liability for breach of any confidential relationship between the  
14 provider and the patient, but no evidence resulting from such  
15 disclosure may be used in any civil, administrative, or criminal  
16 proceeding against the patient unless a waiver of the applicable  
17 evidentiary privilege is obtained: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the  
18 secretary or director shall destroy all copies of patient medical  
19 records in their possession upon completion of the audit, investigation  
20 or proceedings;

21 (2) Approve or deny applications to participate as a provider of  
22 services furnished pursuant to this chapter;

23 (3) Terminate or suspend eligibility to participate as a provider  
24 of services furnished pursuant to this chapter; and

25 (4) Adopt, promulgate, amend, and repeal administrative rules, in  
26 accordance with the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW, to  
27 carry out the policies and purposes of RCW 74.09.200 through 74.09.290.

28 **Sec. 20.** RCW 74.09.300 and 1979 ex.s. c 152 s 11 are each amended  
29 to read as follows:

30 Whenever the secretary (~~(of the department of social and health  
31 services))~~ or director imposes a civil penalty under RCW 74.09.210, or  
32 terminates or suspends a provider's eligibility under RCW 74.09.290, he  
33 or she shall, if the provider is licensed pursuant to Titles 18, 70, or  
34 71 RCW, give written notice of such imposition, termination, or  
35 suspension to the appropriate licensing agency or disciplinary board.

1       **Sec. 21.** RCW 74.09.470 and 2009 c 463 s 2 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) Consistent with the goals established in RCW 74.09.402, through  
4 the apple health for kids program authorized in this section, the  
5 ((department)) authority shall provide affordable health care coverage  
6 to children under the age of nineteen who reside in Washington state  
7 and whose family income at the time of enrollment is not greater than  
8 two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level as adjusted for  
9 family size and determined annually by the federal department of health  
10 and human services, and effective January 1, 2009, and only to the  
11 extent that funds are specifically appropriated therefor, to children  
12 whose family income is not greater than three hundred percent of the  
13 federal poverty level. In administering the program, the  
14 ((department)) authority shall take such actions as may be necessary to  
15 ensure the receipt of federal financial participation under the medical  
16 assistance program, as codified at Title XIX of the federal social  
17 security act, the state children's health insurance program, as  
18 codified at Title XXI of the federal social security act, and any other  
19 federal funding sources that are now available or may become available  
20 in the future. The ((department)) authority and the caseload forecast  
21 council shall estimate the anticipated caseload and costs of the  
22 program established in this section.

23       (2) The ((department)) authority shall accept applications for  
24 enrollment for children's health care coverage; establish appropriate  
25 minimum-enrollment periods, as may be necessary; and determine  
26 eligibility based on current family income. The ((department))  
27 authority shall make eligibility determinations within the time frames  
28 for establishing eligibility for children on medical assistance, as  
29 defined by RCW 74.09.510. The application and annual renewal processes  
30 shall be designed to minimize administrative barriers for applicants  
31 and enrolled clients, and to minimize gaps in eligibility for families  
32 who are eligible for coverage. If a change in family income results in  
33 a change in the source of funding for coverage, the ((department))  
34 authority shall transfer the family members to the appropriate source  
35 of funding and notify the family with respect to any change in premium  
36 obligation, without a break in eligibility. The ((department))  
37 authority shall use the same eligibility redetermination and appeals  
38 procedures as those provided for children on medical assistance

1 programs. The ((department)) authority shall modify its eligibility  
2 renewal procedures to lower the percentage of children failing to  
3 annually renew. The ((department)) authority shall manage its  
4 outreach, application, and renewal procedures with the goals of: (a)  
5 Achieving year by year improvements in enrollment, enrollment rates,  
6 renewals, and renewal rates; (b) maximizing the use of existing program  
7 databases to obtain information related to earned and unearned income  
8 for purposes of eligibility determination and renewals, including, but  
9 not limited to, the basic food program, the child care subsidy program,  
10 federal social security administration programs, and the employment  
11 security department wage database; (c) streamlining renewal processes  
12 to rely primarily upon data matches, online submissions, and telephone  
13 interviews; and (d) implementing any other eligibility determination  
14 and renewal processes to allow the state to receive an enhanced federal  
15 matching rate and additional federal outreach funding available through  
16 the federal children's health insurance program reauthorization act of  
17 2009 by January 2010. The department shall advise the governor and the  
18 legislature regarding the status of these efforts by September 30,  
19 2009. The information provided should include the status of the  
20 department's efforts, the anticipated impact of those efforts on  
21 enrollment, and the costs associated with that enrollment.

22 (3) To ensure continuity of care and ease of understanding for  
23 families and health care providers, and to maximize the efficiency of  
24 the program, the amount, scope, and duration of health care services  
25 provided to children under this section shall be the same as that  
26 provided to children under medical assistance, as defined in RCW  
27 74.09.520.

28 (4) The primary mechanism for purchasing health care coverage under  
29 this section shall be through contracts with managed health care  
30 systems as defined in RCW 74.09.522, subject to conditions,  
31 limitations, and appropriations provided in the biennial appropriations  
32 act. However, the ((department)) authority shall make every effort  
33 within available resources to purchase health care coverage for  
34 uninsured children whose families have access to dependent coverage  
35 through an employer-sponsored health plan or another source when it is  
36 cost-effective for the state to do so, and the purchase is consistent  
37 with requirements of Title XIX and Title XXI of the federal social  
38 security act. To the extent allowable under federal law, the



1 ((department)) authority shall require families to enroll in available  
2 employer-sponsored coverage, as a condition of participating in the  
3 program established under this section, when it is cost-effective for  
4 the state to do so. Families who enroll in available employer-  
5 sponsored coverage under this section shall be accounted for separately  
6 in the annual report required by RCW 74.09.053.

7 (5)(a) To reflect appropriate parental responsibility, the  
8 ((department)) authority shall develop and implement a schedule of  
9 premiums for children's health care coverage due to the ((department))  
10 authority from families with income greater than two hundred percent of  
11 the federal poverty level. For families with income greater than two  
12 hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level, the premiums shall  
13 be established in consultation with the senate majority and minority  
14 leaders and the speaker and minority leader of the house of  
15 representatives. Premiums shall be set at a reasonable level that does  
16 not pose a barrier to enrollment. The amount of the premium shall be  
17 based upon family income and shall not exceed the premium limitations  
18 in Title XXI of the federal social security act. Premiums shall not be  
19 imposed on children in households at or below two hundred percent of  
20 the federal poverty level as articulated in RCW 74.09.055.

21 (b) Beginning no later than January 1, 2010, the ((department))  
22 authority shall offer families whose income is greater than three  
23 hundred percent of the federal poverty level the opportunity to  
24 purchase health care coverage for their children through the programs  
25 administered under this section without an explicit premium subsidy  
26 from the state. The design of the health benefit package offered to  
27 these children should provide a benefit package substantially similar  
28 to that offered in the apple health for kids program, and may differ  
29 with respect to cost-sharing, and other appropriate elements from that  
30 provided to children under subsection (3) of this section including,  
31 but not limited to, application of preexisting conditions, waiting  
32 periods, and other design changes needed to offer affordable coverage.  
33 The amount paid by the family shall be in an amount equal to the rate  
34 paid by the state to the managed health care system for coverage of the  
35 child, including any associated and administrative costs to the state  
36 of providing coverage for the child. Any pooling of the program  
37 enrollees that results in state fiscal impact must be identified and  
38 brought to the legislature for consideration.

1           (6) The ((~~department~~)) authority shall undertake and continue a  
2 proactive, targeted outreach and education effort with the goal of  
3 enrolling children in health coverage and improving the health literacy  
4 of youth and parents. The ((~~department~~)) authority shall collaborate  
5 with the department of social and health services, department of  
6 health, local public health jurisdictions, the office of the  
7 superintendent of public instruction, the department of early learning,  
8 health educators, health care providers, health carriers, community-  
9 based organizations, and parents in the design and development of this  
10 effort. The outreach and education effort shall include the following  
11 components:

12           (a) Broad dissemination of information about the availability of  
13 coverage, including media campaigns;

14           (b) Assistance with completing applications, and community-based  
15 outreach efforts to help people apply for coverage. Community-based  
16 outreach efforts should be targeted to the populations least likely to  
17 be covered;

18           (c) Use of existing systems, such as enrollment information from  
19 the free and reduced-price lunch program, the department of early  
20 learning child care subsidy program, the department of health's women,  
21 infants, and children program, and the early childhood education and  
22 assistance program, to identify children who may be eligible but not  
23 enrolled in coverage;

24           (d) Contracting with community-based organizations and government  
25 entities to support community-based outreach efforts to help families  
26 apply for coverage. These efforts should be targeted to the  
27 populations least likely to be covered. The ((~~department~~)) authority  
28 shall provide informational materials for use by government entities  
29 and community-based organizations in their outreach activities, and  
30 should identify any available federal matching funds to support these  
31 efforts;

32           (e) Development and dissemination of materials to engage and inform  
33 parents and families statewide on issues such as: The benefits of  
34 health insurance coverage; the appropriate use of health services,  
35 including primary care provided by health care practitioners licensed  
36 under chapters 18.71, 18.57, 18.36A, and 18.79 RCW, and emergency  
37 services; the value of a medical home, well-child services and  
38 immunization, and other preventive health services with linkages to

1 department of health child profile efforts; identifying and managing  
2 chronic conditions such as asthma and diabetes; and the value of good  
3 nutrition and physical activity;

4 (f) An evaluation of the outreach and education efforts, based upon  
5 clear, cost-effective outcome measures that are included in contracts  
6 with entities that undertake components of the outreach and education  
7 effort;

8 (g) An implementation plan to develop online application capability  
9 that is integrated with the ~~((department's))~~ automated client  
10 eligibility system, and to develop data linkages with the office of the  
11 superintendent of public instruction for free and reduced-price lunch  
12 enrollment information and the department of early learning for child  
13 care subsidy program enrollment information.

14 (7) The ~~((department))~~ authority shall take action to increase the  
15 number of primary care physicians providing dental disease preventive  
16 services including oral health screenings, risk assessment, family  
17 education, the application of fluoride varnish, and referral to a  
18 dentist as needed.

19 (8) The department shall monitor the rates of substitution between  
20 private-sector health care coverage and the coverage provided under  
21 this section ~~((and shall report to appropriate committees of the  
22 legislature by December 2010))~~.

23 **Sec. 22.** RCW 74.09.480 and 2009 c 463 s 4 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 (1) The ~~((department))~~ authority, in collaboration with the  
26 department of health, department of social and health services, health  
27 carriers, local public health jurisdictions, children's health care  
28 providers including pediatricians, family practitioners, and pediatric  
29 subspecialists, community and migrant health centers, parents, and  
30 other purchasers, shall establish a concise set of explicit performance  
31 measures that can indicate whether children enrolled in the program are  
32 receiving health care through an established and effective medical  
33 home, and whether the overall health of enrolled children is improving.  
34 Such indicators may include, but are not limited to:

35 (a) Childhood immunization rates;

36 (b) Well child care utilization rates, including the use of  
37 behavioral and oral health screening, and validated, structured

1 developmental screens using tools, that are consistent with nationally  
2 accepted pediatric guidelines and recommended administration schedule,  
3 once funding is specifically appropriated for this purpose;

4 (c) Care management for children with chronic illnesses;

5 (d) Emergency room utilization;

6 (e) Visual acuity and eye health;

7 (f) Preventive oral health service utilization; and

8 (g) Children's mental health status. In defining these measures  
9 the ~~((department))~~ authority shall be guided by the measures provided  
10 in RCW 71.36.025.

11 Performance measures and targets for each performance measure must  
12 be established and monitored each biennium, with a goal of achieving  
13 measurable, improved health outcomes for the children of Washington  
14 state each biennium.

15 (2) Beginning in calendar year 2009, targeted provider rate  
16 increases shall be linked to quality improvement measures established  
17 under this section. The ~~((department))~~ authority, in conjunction with  
18 those groups identified in subsection (1) of this section, shall  
19 develop parameters for determining criteria for increased payment,  
20 alternative payment methodologies, or other incentives for those  
21 practices and health plans that incorporate evidence-based practice and  
22 improve and achieve sustained improvement with respect to the measures.

23 (3) The department shall provide a report to the governor and the  
24 legislature related to provider performance on these measures,  
25 beginning in September 2010 for 2007 through 2009 and the authority  
26 shall provide the report biennially thereafter. ~~((The department shall~~  
27 ~~advise the legislature as to its progress towards developing this~~  
28 ~~biennial reporting system by September 30, 2009.))~~

29 **Sec. 23.** RCW 74.09.490 and 2007 c 359 s 5 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 (1)~~((a))~~ The ~~((department))~~ authority, in consultation with the  
32 evidence-based practice institute established in RCW 71.24.061, shall  
33 develop and implement policies to improve prescribing practices for  
34 treatment of emotional or behavioral disturbances in children, improve  
35 the quality of children's mental health therapy through increased use  
36 of evidence-based and research-based practices and reduced variation in  
37 practice, improve communication and care coordination between primary

1 care and mental health providers, and prioritize care in the family  
2 home or care which integrates the family where out-of-home placement is  
3 required.

4 ~~((b))~~ (2) The ~~((department))~~ authority shall identify those  
5 children with emotional or behavioral disturbances who may be at high  
6 risk due to off-label use of prescription medication, use of multiple  
7 medications, high medication dosage, or lack of coordination among  
8 multiple prescribing providers, and establish one or more mechanisms to  
9 evaluate the appropriateness of the medication these children are  
10 using, including but not limited to obtaining second opinions from  
11 experts in child psychiatry.

12 ~~((c))~~ (3) The ~~((department))~~ authority shall review the  
13 psychotropic medications of all children under five and establish one  
14 or more mechanisms to evaluate the appropriateness of the medication  
15 these children are using, including but not limited to obtaining second  
16 opinions from experts in child psychiatry.

17 ~~((d))~~ (4) The ~~((department))~~ authority shall track prescriptive  
18 practices with respect to psychotropic medications with the goal of  
19 reducing the use of medication.

20 ~~((e))~~ (5) The ~~((department))~~ authority shall encourage the use of  
21 cognitive behavioral therapies and other treatments which are  
22 empirically supported or evidence-based, in addition to or in the place  
23 of prescription medication where appropriate.

24 ~~((2)-The-department-shall-convene-a-representative-group-of~~  
25 ~~regional-support-networks,community-mental-health-centers,and-managed~~  
26 ~~health-care-systems-contracting-with-the-department-under-RCW-74.09.522~~  
27 ~~to:~~

28 ~~(a)-Establish-mechanisms-and-develop-contract-language-that-ensures~~  
29 ~~increased-coordination-of-and-access-to-medicaid-mental-health-benefits~~  
30 ~~available-to-children-and-their-families,including-ensuring-access-to~~  
31 ~~services-that-are-identified-as-a-result-of-a-developmental-screen~~  
32 ~~administered-through-early-periodic-screening,-diagnosis,-and~~  
33 ~~treatment;~~

34 ~~(b)-Define-managed-health-care-system-and-regional-support-network~~  
35 ~~contractual-performance-standards-that-track-access-to-and-utilization~~  
36 ~~of-services;and~~

37 ~~(c)-Set-standards-for-reducing-the-number-of-children-that-are~~

1 ~~prescribed antipsychotic drugs and receive no outpatient mental health~~  
2 ~~services with their medication.~~

3 ~~(3) The department shall submit a report on progress and any~~  
4 ~~findings under this section to the legislature by January 1, 2009.)~~

5 **Sec. 24.** RCW 74.09.500 and 1979 c 141 s 343 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 There is hereby established a new program of federal-aid assistance  
8 to be known as medical assistance to be administered by the ((state  
9 department of social and health services)) authority. The ((department  
10 of social and health services)) authority is authorized to comply with  
11 the federal requirements for the medical assistance program provided in  
12 the social security act and particularly Title XIX of Public Law (89-  
13 97), as amended, in order to secure federal matching funds for such  
14 program.

15 **Sec. 25.** RCW 74.09.510 and 2010 c 94 s 24 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 Medical assistance may be provided in accordance with eligibility  
18 requirements established by the ((department)) authority, as defined in  
19 the social security Title XIX state plan for mandatory categorically  
20 needy persons and:

21 (1) Individuals who would be eligible for cash assistance except  
22 for their institutional status;

23 (2) Individuals who are under twenty-one years of age, who would be  
24 eligible for medicaid, but do not qualify as dependent children and who  
25 are in (a) foster care, (b) subsidized adoption, (c) a nursing facility  
26 or an intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual  
27 disabilities, or (d) inpatient psychiatric facilities;

28 (3) Individuals who:

29 (a) Are under twenty-one years of age;

30 (b) On or after July 22, 2007, were in foster care under the legal  
31 responsibility of the department or a federally recognized tribe  
32 located within the state; and

33 (c) On their eighteenth birthday, were in foster care under the  
34 legal responsibility of the department or a federally recognized tribe  
35 located within the state;

1 (4) Persons who are aged, blind, or disabled who: (a) Receive only  
2 a state supplement, or (b) would not be eligible for cash assistance if  
3 they were not institutionalized;

4 (5) Categorically eligible individuals who meet the income and  
5 resource requirements of the cash assistance programs;

6 (6) Individuals who are enrolled in managed health care systems,  
7 who have otherwise lost eligibility for medical assistance, but who  
8 have not completed a current six-month enrollment in a managed health  
9 care system, and who are eligible for federal financial participation  
10 under Title XIX of the social security act;

11 (7) Children and pregnant women allowed by federal statute for whom  
12 funding is appropriated;

13 (8) Working individuals with disabilities authorized under section  
14 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the social security act for whom funding is  
15 appropriated;

16 (9) Other individuals eligible for medical services under RCW  
17 74.09.035 and 74.09.700 for whom federal financial participation is  
18 available under Title XIX of the social security act;

19 (10) Persons allowed by section 1931 of the social security act for  
20 whom funding is appropriated; and

21 (11) Women who: (a) Are under sixty-five years of age; (b) have  
22 been screened for breast and cervical cancer under the national breast  
23 and cervical cancer early detection program administered by the  
24 department of health or tribal entity and have been identified as  
25 needing treatment for breast or cervical cancer; and (c) are not  
26 otherwise covered by health insurance. Medical assistance provided  
27 under this subsection is limited to the period during which the woman  
28 requires treatment for breast or cervical cancer, and is subject to any  
29 conditions or limitations specified in the omnibus appropriations act.

30 **Sec. 26.** RCW 74.09.515 and 2007 c 359 s 8 are each amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 (1) The ((department)) authority shall adopt rules and policies  
33 providing that when youth who were enrolled in a medical assistance  
34 program immediately prior to confinement are released from confinement,  
35 their medical assistance coverage will be fully reinstated on the day  
36 of their release, subject to any expedited review of their continued

1 eligibility for medical assistance coverage that is required under  
2 federal or state law.

3 (2) The ((department)) authority, in collaboration with the  
4 department, county juvenile court administrators, and regional support  
5 networks, shall establish procedures for coordination between  
6 department field offices, juvenile rehabilitation administration  
7 institutions, and county juvenile courts that result in prompt  
8 reinstatement of eligibility and speedy eligibility determinations for  
9 youth who are likely to be eligible for medical assistance services  
10 upon release from confinement. Procedures developed under this  
11 subsection must address:

12 (a) Mechanisms for receiving medical assistance services'  
13 applications on behalf of confined youth in anticipation of their  
14 release from confinement;

15 (b) Expeditious review of applications filed by or on behalf of  
16 confined youth and, to the extent practicable, completion of the review  
17 before the youth is released; and

18 (c) Mechanisms for providing medical assistance services' identity  
19 cards to youth eligible for medical assistance services immediately  
20 upon their release from confinement.

21 (3) For purposes of this section, "confined" or "confinement" means  
22 detained in a facility operated by or under contract with the  
23 department of social and health services, juvenile rehabilitation  
24 administration, or detained in a juvenile detention facility operated  
25 under chapter 13.04 RCW.

26 (4) The ((department)) authority shall adopt standardized statewide  
27 screening and application practices and forms designed to facilitate  
28 the application of a confined youth who is likely to be eligible for a  
29 medical assistance program.

30 **Sec. 27.** RCW 74.09.520 and 2007 c 3 s 1 are each amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 (1) The term "medical assistance" may include the following care  
33 and services subject to rules adopted by the authority or department:

- 34 (a) Inpatient hospital services; (b) outpatient hospital services; (c)  
35 other laboratory and X- ray services; (d) nursing facility services;  
36 (e) physicians' services, which shall include prescribed medication and  
37 instruction on birth control devices; (f) medical care, or any other



1 type of remedial care as may be established by the secretary or  
2 director; (g) home health care services; (h) private duty nursing  
3 services; (i) dental services; (j) physical and occupational therapy  
4 and related services; (k) prescribed drugs, dentures, and prosthetic  
5 devices; and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases  
6 of the eye or by an optometrist, whichever the individual may select;  
7 (l) personal care services, as provided in this section; (m) hospice  
8 services; (n) other diagnostic, screening, preventive, and  
9 rehabilitative services; and (o) like services when furnished to a  
10 child by a school district in a manner consistent with the requirements  
11 of this chapter. For the purposes of this section, neither the  
12 authority nor the department may ~~((not))~~ cut off any prescription  
13 medications, oxygen supplies, respiratory services, or other life-  
14 sustaining medical services or supplies.

15 "Medical assistance," notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
16 shall not include routine foot care, or dental services delivered by  
17 any health care provider, that are not mandated by Title XIX of the  
18 social security act unless there is a specific appropriation for these  
19 services.

20 ~~((The department shall amend the state plan for medical~~  
21 ~~assistance under Title XIX of the federal social security act to~~  
22 ~~include personal care services, as defined in 42 C.F.R. 440.170(f), in~~  
23 ~~the categorically needy program.~~

24 ~~(3))~~ The department shall adopt, amend, or rescind such  
25 administrative rules as are necessary to ensure that Title XIX personal  
26 care services are provided to eligible persons in conformance with  
27 federal regulations.

28 (a) These administrative rules shall include financial eligibility  
29 indexed according to the requirements of the social security act  
30 providing for medicaid eligibility.

31 (b) The rules shall require clients be assessed as having a medical  
32 condition requiring assistance with personal care tasks. Plans of care  
33 for clients requiring health-related consultation for assessment and  
34 service planning may be reviewed by a nurse.

35 (c) The department shall determine by rule which clients have a  
36 health-related assessment or service planning need requiring registered  
37 nurse consultation or review. This definition may include clients that  
38 meet indicators or protocols for review, consultation, or visit.

1        ~~((4))~~ (3) The department shall design and implement a means to  
2 assess the level of functional disability of persons eligible for  
3 personal care services under this section. The personal care services  
4 benefit shall be provided to the extent funding is available according  
5 to the assessed level of functional disability. Any reductions in  
6 services made necessary for funding reasons should be accomplished in  
7 a manner that assures that priority for maintaining services is given  
8 to persons with the greatest need as determined by the assessment of  
9 functional disability.

10        ~~((5))~~ (4) Effective July 1, 1989, the ~~((department))~~ authority  
11 shall offer hospice services in accordance with available funds.

12        ~~((6))~~ (5) For Title XIX personal care services administered by  
13 aging and disability services administration of the department, the  
14 department shall contract with area agencies on aging:

15        (a) To provide case management services to individuals receiving  
16 Title XIX personal care services in their own home; and

17        (b) To reassess and reauthorize Title XIX personal care services or  
18 other home and community services as defined in RCW 74.39A.009 in home  
19 or in other settings for individuals consistent with the intent of this  
20 section:

21        (i) Who have been initially authorized by the department to receive  
22 Title XIX personal care services or other home and community services  
23 as defined in RCW 74.39A.009; and

24        (ii) Who, at the time of reassessment and reauthorization, are  
25 receiving such services in their own home.

26        ~~((7))~~ (6) In the event that an area agency on aging is unwilling  
27 to enter into or satisfactorily fulfill a contract or an individual  
28 consumer's need for case management services will be met through an  
29 alternative delivery system, the department is authorized to:

30        (a) Obtain the services through competitive bid; and

31        (b) Provide the services directly until a qualified contractor can  
32 be found.

33        ~~((8))~~ (7) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for  
34 this specific purpose, ~~((effective July 1, 2007,))~~ the ~~((department))~~  
35 authority may offer medicare part D prescription drug copayment  
36 coverage to full benefit dual eligible beneficiaries.

1       **Sec. 28.** RCW 74.09.521 and 2009 c 388 s 1 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) To the extent that funds are specifically appropriated for this  
4 purpose the ((department)) authority shall revise its medicaid healthy  
5 options managed care and fee-for-service program standards under  
6 medicaid, Title XIX of the federal social security act to improve  
7 access to mental health services for children who do not meet the  
8 regional support network access to care standards. ((Effective July 1,  
9 2008, the)) The program standards shall be revised to allow outpatient  
10 therapy services to be provided by licensed mental health  
11 professionals, as defined in RCW 71.34.020, or by a mental health  
12 professional regulated under Title 18 RCW who is under the direct  
13 supervision of a licensed mental health professional, and up to twenty  
14 outpatient therapy hours per calendar year, including family therapy  
15 visits integral to a child's treatment. This section shall be  
16 administered in a manner consistent with federal early and periodic  
17 screening, diagnosis, and treatment requirements related to the receipt  
18 of medically necessary services when a child's need for such services  
19 is identified through developmental screening.

20       (2) The ((department)) authority and the children's mental health  
21 evidence-based practice institute established in RCW 71.24.061 shall  
22 collaborate to encourage and develop incentives for the use of  
23 prescribing practices and evidence-based and research-based treatment  
24 practices developed under RCW 74.09.490 by mental health professionals  
25 serving children under this section.

26       **Sec. 29.** RCW 74.09.522 and 1997 c 59 s 15 and 1997 c 34 s 1 are  
27 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

28       (1) For the purposes of this section, "managed health care system"  
29 means any health care organization, including health care providers,  
30 insurers, health care service contractors, health maintenance  
31 organizations, health insuring organizations, or any combination  
32 thereof, that provides directly or by contract health care services  
33 covered under RCW 74.09.520 and rendered by licensed providers, on a  
34 prepaid capitated basis and that meets the requirements of section  
35 1903(m)(1)(A) of Title XIX of the federal social security act or  
36 federal demonstration waivers granted under section 1115(a) of Title XI  
37 of the federal social security act.

1           (2) The (~~department of social and health services~~) authority  
2 shall enter into agreements with managed health care systems to provide  
3 health care services to recipients of temporary assistance for needy  
4 families under the following conditions:

5           (a) Agreements shall be made for at least thirty thousand  
6 recipients statewide;

7           (b) Agreements in at least one county shall include enrollment of  
8 all recipients of temporary assistance for needy families;

9           (c) To the extent that this provision is consistent with section  
10 1903(m) of Title XIX of the federal social security act or federal  
11 demonstration waivers granted under section 1115(a) of Title XI of the  
12 federal social security act, recipients shall have a choice of systems  
13 in which to enroll and shall have the right to terminate their  
14 enrollment in a system: PROVIDED, That the (~~department~~) authority  
15 may limit recipient termination of enrollment without cause to the  
16 first month of a period of enrollment, which period shall not exceed  
17 twelve months: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the (~~department~~) authority  
18 shall not restrict a recipient's right to terminate enrollment in a  
19 system for good cause as established by the (~~department~~) authority by  
20 rule;

21           (d) To the extent that this provision is consistent with section  
22 1903(m) of Title XIX of the federal social security act, participating  
23 managed health care systems shall not enroll a disproportionate number  
24 of medical assistance recipients within the total numbers of persons  
25 served by the managed health care systems, except as authorized by the  
26 (~~department~~) authority under federal demonstration waivers granted  
27 under section 1115(a) of Title XI of the federal social security act;

28           (e) In negotiating with managed health care systems the  
29 (~~department~~) authority shall adopt a uniform procedure to negotiate  
30 and enter into contractual arrangements, including standards regarding  
31 the quality of services to be provided; and financial integrity of the  
32 responding system;

33           (f) The (~~department~~) authority shall seek waivers from federal  
34 requirements as necessary to implement this chapter;

35           (g) The (~~department~~) authority shall, wherever possible, enter  
36 into prepaid capitation contracts that include inpatient care.  
37 However, if this is not possible or feasible, the (~~department~~)

1 authority may enter into prepaid capitation contracts that do not  
2 include inpatient care;

3 (h) The ((~~department~~)) authority shall define those circumstances  
4 under which a managed health care system is responsible for out-of-plan  
5 services and assure that recipients shall not be charged for such  
6 services; and

7 (i) Nothing in this section prevents the ((~~department~~)) authority  
8 from entering into similar agreements for other groups of people  
9 eligible to receive services under this chapter.

10 (3) The ((~~department~~)) authority shall ensure that publicly  
11 supported community health centers and providers in rural areas, who  
12 show serious intent and apparent capability to participate as managed  
13 health care systems are seriously considered as contractors. The  
14 ((~~department~~)) authority shall coordinate its managed care activities  
15 with activities under chapter 70.47 RCW.

16 (4) The ((~~department~~)) authority shall work jointly with the state  
17 of Oregon and other states in this geographical region in order to  
18 develop recommendations to be presented to the appropriate federal  
19 agencies and the United States congress for improving health care of  
20 the poor, while controlling related costs.

21 (5) The legislature finds that competition in the managed health  
22 care marketplace is enhanced, in the long term, by the existence of a  
23 large number of managed health care system options for medicaid  
24 clients. In a managed care delivery system, whose goal is to focus on  
25 prevention, primary care, and improved enrollee health status,  
26 continuity in care relationships is of substantial importance, and  
27 disruption to clients and health care providers should be minimized.  
28 To help ensure these goals are met, the following principles shall  
29 guide the ((~~department~~)) authority in its healthy options managed  
30 health care purchasing efforts:

31 (a) All managed health care systems should have an opportunity to  
32 contract with the ((~~department~~)) authority to the extent that minimum  
33 contracting requirements defined by the ((~~department~~)) authority are  
34 met, at payment rates that enable the ((~~department~~)) authority to  
35 operate as far below appropriated spending levels as possible,  
36 consistent with the principles established in this section.

37 (b) Managed health care systems should compete for the award of

1 contracts and assignment of medicaid beneficiaries who do not  
2 voluntarily select a contracting system, based upon:

3 (i) Demonstrated commitment to or experience in serving low-income  
4 populations;

5 (ii) Quality of services provided to enrollees;

6 (iii) Accessibility, including appropriate utilization, of services  
7 offered to enrollees;

8 (iv) Demonstrated capability to perform contracted services,  
9 including ability to supply an adequate provider network;

10 (v) Payment rates; and

11 (vi) The ability to meet other specifically defined contract  
12 requirements established by the ((department)) authority, including  
13 consideration of past and current performance and participation in  
14 other state or federal health programs as a contractor.

15 (c) Consideration should be given to using multiple year  
16 contracting periods.

17 (d) Quality, accessibility, and demonstrated commitment to serving  
18 low-income populations shall be given significant weight in the  
19 contracting, evaluation, and assignment process.

20 (e) All contractors that are regulated health carriers must meet  
21 state minimum net worth requirements as defined in applicable state  
22 laws. The ((department)) authority shall adopt rules establishing the  
23 minimum net worth requirements for contractors that are not regulated  
24 health carriers. This subsection does not limit the authority of the  
25 ((department)) Washington state health care authority to take action  
26 under a contract upon finding that a contractor's financial status  
27 seriously jeopardizes the contractor's ability to meet its contract  
28 obligations.

29 (f) Procedures for resolution of disputes between the  
30 ((department)) authority and contract bidders or the ((department))  
31 authority and contracting carriers related to the award of, or failure  
32 to award, a managed care contract must be clearly set out in the  
33 procurement document. ~~((In designing such procedures, the department  
34 shall give strong consideration to the negotiation and dispute  
35 resolution processes used by the Washington state health care authority  
36 in its managed health care contracting activities.))~~

37 (6) The ((department)) authority may apply the principles set forth

1 in subsection (5) of this section to its managed health care purchasing  
2 efforts on behalf of clients receiving supplemental security income  
3 benefits to the extent appropriate.

4 **Sec. 30.** RCW 74.09.5222 and 2009 c 545 s 4 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The ((department)) authority shall submit a section 1115  
7 demonstration waiver request to the federal department of health and  
8 human services to expand and revise the medical assistance program as  
9 codified in Title XIX of the federal social security act. The waiver  
10 request should be designed to ensure the broadest federal financial  
11 participation under Title XIX and XXI of the federal social security  
12 act. To the extent permitted under federal law, the waiver request  
13 should include the following components:

14 (a) Establishment of a single eligibility standard for low-income  
15 persons, including expansion of categorical eligibility to include  
16 childless adults. The ((department)) authority shall request that the  
17 single eligibility standard be phased in such that incremental steps  
18 are taken to cover additional low-income parents and individuals over  
19 time, with the goal of offering coverage to persons with household  
20 income at or below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level;

21 (b) Establishment of a single seamless application and eligibility  
22 determination system for all state low-income medical programs included  
23 in the waiver. Applications may be electronic and may include an  
24 electronic signature for verification and authentication. Eligibility  
25 determinations should maximize federal financing where possible;

26 (c) The delivery of all low-income coverage programs as a single  
27 program, with a common core benefit package that may be similar to the  
28 basic health benefit package or an alternative benefit package approved  
29 by the secretary of the federal department of health and human  
30 services, including the option of supplemental coverage for select  
31 categorical groups, such as children, and individuals who are aged,  
32 blind, and disabled;

33 (d) A program design to include creative and innovative approaches  
34 such as: Coverage for preventive services with incentives to use  
35 appropriate preventive care; enhanced medical home reimbursement and  
36 bundled payment methodologies; cost-sharing options; use of care  
37 management and care coordination programs to improve coordination of

1 medical and behavioral health services; application of an innovative  
2 predictive risk model to better target care management services; and  
3 mandatory enrollment in managed care, as may be necessary;

4 (e) The ability to impose enrollment limits or benefit design  
5 changes for eligibility groups that were not eligible under the Title  
6 XIX state plan in effect on the date of submission of the waiver  
7 application;

8 (f) A premium assistance program whereby employers can participate  
9 in coverage options for employees and dependents of employees otherwise  
10 eligible under the waiver. The waiver should make every effort to  
11 maximize enrollment in employer-sponsored health insurance when it is  
12 cost-effective for the state to do so, and the purchase is consistent  
13 with the requirements of Titles XIX and XXI of the federal social  
14 security act. To the extent allowable under federal law, the  
15 (~~department~~) authority shall require enrollment in available  
16 employer-sponsored coverage as a condition of eligibility for coverage  
17 under the waiver; and

18 (g) The ability to share savings that might accrue to the federal  
19 medicare program, Title XVIII of the federal social security act, from  
20 improved care management for persons who are eligible for both medicare  
21 and medicaid. Through the waiver application process, the  
22 (~~department~~) authority shall determine whether the state could serve,  
23 directly or by contract, as a medicare special needs plan for persons  
24 eligible for both medicare and medicaid.

25 (2) The (~~department~~) authority shall hold ongoing stakeholder  
26 discussions as it is developing the waiver request, and provide  
27 opportunities for public review and comment as the request is being  
28 developed.

29 (3) The (~~department and the health care~~) authority shall identify  
30 statutory changes that may be necessary to ensure successful and timely  
31 implementation of the waiver request as submitted to the federal  
32 department of health and human services as the apple health program for  
33 adults.

34 (4) The legislature must authorize implementation of any waiver  
35 approved by the federal department of health and human services under  
36 this section.



1       **Sec. 31.** RCW 74.09.5225 and 2005 c 383 s 1 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) Payments for recipients eligible for medical assistance  
4 programs under this chapter for services provided by hospitals,  
5 regardless of the beneficiary's managed care enrollment status, shall  
6 be made based on allowable costs incurred during the year, when  
7 services are provided by a rural hospital certified by the centers for  
8 medicare and medicaid services as a critical access hospital. Any  
9 additional payments made by the (~~medical assistance administration~~)  
10 authority for the healthy options program shall be no more than the  
11 additional amounts per service paid under this section for other  
12 medical assistance programs.

13       (2) Beginning on July 24, 2005, a moratorium shall be placed on  
14 additional hospital participation in critical access hospital payments  
15 under this section. However, rural hospitals that applied for  
16 certification to the centers for medicare and medicaid services prior  
17 to January 1, 2005, but have not yet completed the process or have not  
18 yet been approved for certification, remain eligible for medical  
19 assistance payments under this section.

20       **Sec. 32.** RCW 74.09.530 and 2007 c 315 s 2 are each amended to read  
21 as follows:

22       (1)(a) The authority is designated as the single state agency for  
23 purposes of Title XIX of the federal social security act.

24       (b) The amount and nature of medical assistance and the  
25 determination of eligibility of recipients for medical assistance shall  
26 be the responsibility of the (~~department of social and health~~  
27 ~~services~~) authority.

28       (c) The (~~department~~) authority shall establish reasonable  
29 standards of assistance and resource and income exemptions which shall  
30 be consistent with the provisions of the social security act and (~~with~~  
31 ~~the~~) federal regulations (~~of the secretary of health, education and~~  
32 ~~welfare~~) for determining eligibility of individuals for medical  
33 assistance and the extent of such assistance to the extent that funds  
34 are available from the state and federal government. The  
35 (~~department~~) authority shall not consider resources in determining  
36 continuing eligibility for recipients eligible under section 1931 of  
37 the social security act.

1 (d) The authority is authorized to collaborate with other state or  
2 local agencies and nonprofit organizations in carrying out its duties  
3 under this chapter and, to the extent appropriate, may enter into  
4 agreements with such other entities.

5 (2) Individuals eligible for medical assistance under RCW  
6 74.09.510(3) shall be transitioned into coverage under that subsection  
7 immediately upon their termination from coverage under RCW  
8 74.09.510(2)(a). The ~~((department))~~ authority shall use income  
9 eligibility standards and eligibility determinations applicable to  
10 children placed in foster care. The ~~((department, in consultation with~~  
11 ~~the health care))~~ authority~~((r))~~ shall provide information regarding  
12 basic health plan enrollment and shall offer assistance with the  
13 application and enrollment process to individuals covered under RCW  
14 74.09.510(3) who are approaching their twenty-first birthday.

15 **Sec. 33.** RCW 74.09.540 and 2001 2nd sp.s. c 15 s 2 are each  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to remove barriers to  
18 employment for individuals with disabilities by providing medical  
19 assistance to ~~((the))~~ working ~~((disabled))~~ individuals with  
20 disabilities through a buy-in program in accordance with section  
21 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the social security act and eligibility and cost-  
22 sharing requirements established by the ~~((department))~~ authority.

23 (2) The ~~((department))~~ authority shall establish income, resource,  
24 and cost-sharing requirements for the buy-in program in accordance with  
25 federal law and any conditions or limitations specified in the omnibus  
26 appropriations act. The ~~((department))~~ authority shall establish and  
27 modify eligibility and cost-sharing requirements in order to administer  
28 the program within available funds. The ~~((department))~~ authority shall  
29 make every effort to coordinate benefits with employer-sponsored  
30 coverage available to the working ~~((disabled))~~ individuals with  
31 disabilities receiving benefits under this chapter.

32 **Sec. 34.** RCW 74.09.555 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 8 s 30 are each  
33 amended to read as follows:

34 (1) The ~~((department))~~ authority shall adopt rules and policies  
35 providing that when persons with a mental disorder, who were enrolled  
36 in medical assistance immediately prior to confinement, are released

1 from confinement, their medical assistance coverage will be fully  
2 reinstated on the day of their release, subject to any expedited review  
3 of their continued eligibility for medical assistance coverage that is  
4 required under federal or state law.

5 (2) The ((department)) authority, in collaboration with the  
6 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, the department of  
7 corrections, and the regional support networks, shall establish  
8 procedures for coordination between the authority and department field  
9 offices, institutions for mental disease, and correctional  
10 institutions, as defined in RCW 9.94.049, that result in prompt  
11 reinstatement of eligibility and speedy eligibility determinations for  
12 persons who are likely to be eligible for medical assistance services  
13 upon release from confinement. Procedures developed under this  
14 subsection must address:

15 (a) Mechanisms for receiving medical assistance services  
16 applications on behalf of confined persons in anticipation of their  
17 release from confinement;

18 (b) Expeditious review of applications filed by or on behalf of  
19 confined persons and, to the extent practicable, completion of the  
20 review before the person is released;

21 (c) Mechanisms for providing medical assistance services identity  
22 cards to persons eligible for medical assistance services immediately  
23 upon their release from confinement; and

24 (d) Coordination with the federal social security administration,  
25 through interagency agreements or otherwise, to expedite processing of  
26 applications for federal supplemental security income or social  
27 security disability benefits, including federal acceptance of  
28 applications on behalf of confined persons.

29 (3) Where medical or psychiatric examinations during a person's  
30 confinement indicate that the person is disabled, the correctional  
31 institution or institution for mental diseases shall provide the  
32 ((department)) authority with that information for purposes of making  
33 medical assistance eligibility and enrollment determinations prior to  
34 the person's release from confinement. The ((department)) authority  
35 shall, to the maximum extent permitted by federal law, use the  
36 examination in making its determination whether the person is disabled  
37 and eligible for medical assistance.

1 (4) For purposes of this section, "confined" or "confinement" means  
2 incarcerated in a correctional institution, as defined in RCW 9.94.049,  
3 or admitted to an institute for mental disease, as defined in 42 C.F.R.  
4 part 435, Sec. 1009 on July 24, 2005.

5 (5) For purposes of this section, "likely to be eligible" means  
6 that a person:

7 (a) Was enrolled in medicaid or supplemental security income or the  
8 disability lifeline program immediately before he or she was confined  
9 and his or her enrollment was terminated during his or her confinement;  
10 or

11 (b) Was enrolled in medicaid or supplemental security income or the  
12 disability lifeline program at any time during the five years before  
13 his or her confinement, and medical or psychiatric examinations during  
14 the person's confinement indicate that the person continues to be  
15 disabled and the disability is likely to last at least twelve months  
16 following release.

17 (6) The economic services administration within the department  
18 shall adopt standardized statewide screening and application practices  
19 and forms designed to facilitate the application of a confined person  
20 who is likely to be eligible for medicaid.

21 **Sec. 35.** RCW 74.09.565 and 1989 c 87 s 4 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 (1) An agreement between spouses transferring or assigning rights  
24 to future income from one spouse to the other shall be invalid for  
25 purposes of determining eligibility for medical assistance or the  
26 limited casualty program for the medically needy, but this subsection  
27 does not affect agreements between spouses transferring or assigning  
28 resources, and income produced by transferred or assigned resources  
29 shall continue to be recognized as the separate income of the  
30 transferee.

31 (2) In determining eligibility for medical assistance or the  
32 limited casualty program for the medically needy for a married person  
33 in need of institutional care, or care under home and community-based  
34 waivers as defined in Title XIX of the social security act, if the  
35 community income received in the name of the nonapplicant spouse  
36 exceeds the community income received in the name of the applicant

1 spouse, the applicant's interest in that excess shall be considered  
2 unavailable to the applicant.

3 (3) The department or authority, as appropriate, shall adopt rules  
4 consistent with the provisions of section 1924 of the social security  
5 act entitled "Treatment of Income and Resources for Certain  
6 Institutionalized Spouses," in determining the allocation of income  
7 between an institutionalized and community spouse.

8 (4) The department or authority, as appropriate, shall establish  
9 the monthly maintenance needs allowance for the community spouse up to  
10 the maximum amount allowed by state appropriation or within available  
11 funds and permitted in section 1924 of the social security act. The  
12 total monthly needs allowance shall not exceed one thousand five  
13 hundred dollars, subject to adjustment provided in section 1924 of the  
14 social security act.

15 **Sec. 36.** RCW 74.09.575 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 28 s 1 are each  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (1) The department or authority, as appropriate, shall promulgate  
18 rules consistent with the treatment of resources provisions of section  
19 1924 of the social security act (~~entitled "Treatment of Income and~~  
20 ~~Resources for Certain Institutionalized Spouses,"~~) in determining the  
21 allocation of resources between the institutionalized and community  
22 spouse.

23 (2) In the interest of supporting the community spouse the  
24 department or authority, as appropriate, shall allow the maximum  
25 resource allowance amount permissible under the social security act for  
26 the community spouse for persons institutionalized before August 1,  
27 2003.

28 (3) For persons institutionalized on or after August 1, 2003, the  
29 department or authority, as appropriate, in the interest of supporting  
30 the community spouse, shall allow up to a maximum of forty thousand  
31 dollars in resources for the community spouse. For the fiscal biennium  
32 beginning July 1, 2005, and each fiscal biennium thereafter, the  
33 maximum resource allowance amount for the community spouse shall be  
34 adjusted for economic trends and conditions by increasing the amount  
35 allowable by the consumer price index as published by the federal  
36 bureau of labor statistics. However, in no case shall the amount

1 allowable exceed the maximum resource allowance permissible under the  
2 social security act.

3 **Sec. 37.** RCW 74.09.585 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 18 s 81 are each  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The department or authority, as appropriate, shall establish  
6 standards consistent with section 1917 of the social security act in  
7 determining the period of ineligibility for medical assistance due to  
8 the transfer of resources.

9 (2) There shall be no penalty imposed for the transfer of assets  
10 that are excluded in a determination of the individual's eligibility  
11 for medicaid to the extent such assets are protected by the long-term  
12 care insurance policy or contract pursuant to chapter 48.85 RCW.

13 (3) The department or authority, as appropriate, may waive a period  
14 of ineligibility if the department or authority determines that denial  
15 of eligibility would work an undue hardship.

16 **Sec. 38.** RCW 74.09.595 and 1989 c 87 s 8 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 The department or authority, as appropriate, shall in compliance  
19 with section 1924 of the social security act adopt procedures which  
20 provide due process for institutionalized or community spouses who  
21 request a fair hearing as to the valuation of resources, the amount of  
22 the community spouse resource allowance, or the monthly maintenance  
23 needs allowance.

24 **Sec. 39.** RCW 74.09.655 and 2008 c 245 s 1 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 The ((department)) authority shall provide coverage under this  
27 chapter for smoking cessation counseling services, as well as  
28 prescription and nonprescription agents when used to promote smoking  
29 cessation, so long as such agents otherwise meet the definition of  
30 "covered outpatient drug" in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396r-8(k). However, the  
31 ((department)) authority may initiate an individualized inquiry and  
32 determine and implement by rule appropriate coverage limitations as may  
33 be required to encourage the use of effective, evidence-based services  
34 and prescription and nonprescription agents. The ((department))

1 authority shall track per-capita expenditures for a cohort of clients  
2 that receive smoking cessation benefits, and submit a cost-benefit  
3 analysis to the legislature on or before January 1, 2012.

4 **Sec. 40.** RCW 74.09.658 and 2009 c 326 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The home health program shall require registered nurse  
7 oversight and intervention, as appropriate. In-person contact between  
8 a home health care registered nurse and a patient is not required under  
9 the state's medical assistance program for home health services that  
10 are: (a) Delivered with the assistance of telemedicine and (b)  
11 otherwise eligible for reimbursement as a medically necessary skilled  
12 home health nursing visit under the program.

13 (2) The department or authority, as appropriate, in consultation  
14 with home health care service providers shall develop reimbursement  
15 rules and, in rule, define the requirements that must be met for a  
16 reimbursable skilled nursing visit when services are rendered without  
17 a face-to-face visit and are assisted by telemedicine.

18 (3)(a) The department or authority, as appropriate, shall establish  
19 the reimbursement rate for skilled home health nursing services  
20 delivered with the assistance of telemedicine that meet the  
21 requirements of a reimbursable visit as defined by the department or  
22 authority, as appropriate.

23 (b) Reimbursement is not provided for purchase or lease of  
24 telemedicine equipment.

25 (4) Any home health agency licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW and  
26 eligible for reimbursement under the medical programs authorized under  
27 this chapter may be reimbursed for services under this section if the  
28 service meets the requirements for a reimbursable skilled nursing visit  
29 (~~(as defined by the department)~~).

30 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the scope  
31 of practice of any home health care services provider or authorizes the  
32 delivery of home health care services in a setting or manner not  
33 otherwise authorized by law.

34 (6) The use of telemedicine is not intended to replace registered  
35 nurse health care (~~(visit[s])~~) visits when necessary.

36 (7) For the purposes of this section, "telemedicine" means the use

1 of telemonitoring to enhance the delivery of certain home health  
2 medical services through:

3 (a) The provision of certain education related to health care  
4 services using audio, video, or data communication instead of a face-  
5 to-face visit; or

6 (b) The collection of clinical data and the transmission of such  
7 data between a patient at a distant location and the home health  
8 provider through electronic processing technologies. Objective  
9 clinical data that may be transmitted includes, but is not limited to,  
10 weight, blood pressure, pulse, respirations, blood glucose, and pulse  
11 oximetry.

12 **Sec. 41.** RCW 74.09.659 and 2009 c 545 s 5 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 (1) The ((department)) authority shall continue to submit  
15 applications for the family planning waiver program.

16 (2) The ((department)) authority shall submit a request to the  
17 federal department of health and human services to amend the current  
18 family planning waiver program as follows:

19 (a) Provide coverage for sexually transmitted disease testing and  
20 treatment;

21 (b) Return to the eligibility standards used in 2005 including, but  
22 not limited to, citizenship determination based on declaration or  
23 matching with federal social security databases, insurance eligibility  
24 standards comparable to 2005, and confidential service availability for  
25 minors and survivors of domestic and sexual violence; and

26 (c) Within available funds, increase income eligibility to two  
27 hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level, to correspond with  
28 income eligibility for publicly funded maternity care services.

29 **Sec. 42.** RCW 74.09.700 and 2010 c 94 s 25 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 (1) To the extent of available funds and subject to any conditions  
32 placed on appropriations made for this purpose, medical care may be  
33 provided under the limited casualty program to persons not  
34 ((otherwise)) eligible for medical assistance or medical care services  
35 who are medically needy as defined in the social security Title XIX  
36 state plan and medical indigents in accordance with eligibility



1 requirements established by the ((~~department~~)) authority. The  
2 eligibility requirements may include minimum levels of incurred medical  
3 expenses. This includes residents of nursing facilities, residents of  
4 intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual  
5 disabilities, and individuals who are otherwise eligible for section  
6 1915(c) of the federal social security act home and community-based  
7 waiver services, administered by the department ((~~of social and health~~  
8 ~~services—aging—and—adult—services—administration,~~)) who are aged,  
9 blind, or disabled as defined in Title XVI of the federal social  
10 security act and whose income exceeds three hundred percent of the  
11 federal supplement security income benefit level.

12 (2) Determination of the amount, scope, and duration of medical  
13 coverage under the limited casualty program shall be the responsibility  
14 of the ((~~department~~)) authority, subject to the following:

15 (a) Only the following services may be covered:

16 (i) For persons who are medically needy as defined in the social  
17 security Title XIX state plan: Inpatient and outpatient hospital  
18 services, and home and community-based waiver services;

19 (ii) For persons who are medically needy as defined in the social  
20 security Title XIX state plan, and for persons who are medical  
21 indigents under the eligibility requirements established by the  
22 ((~~department~~)) authority: Rural health clinic services; physicians'  
23 and clinic services; prescribed drugs, dentures, prosthetic devices,  
24 and eyeglasses; nursing facility services; and intermediate care  
25 facility services for persons with intellectual disabilities; home  
26 health services; hospice services; other laboratory and X-ray services;  
27 rehabilitative services, including occupational therapy; medically  
28 necessary transportation; and other services for which funds are  
29 specifically provided in the omnibus appropriations act;

30 (b) Medical care services provided to the medically indigent and  
31 received no more than seven days prior to the date of application shall  
32 be retroactively certified and approved for payment on behalf of a  
33 person who was otherwise eligible at the time the medical services were  
34 furnished: PROVIDED, That eligible persons who fail to apply within  
35 the seven-day time period for medical reasons or other good cause may  
36 be retroactively certified and approved for payment.

37 (3) The ((~~department~~)) authority shall establish standards of

1 assistance and resource and income exemptions. All nonexempt income  
2 and resources of limited casualty program recipients shall be applied  
3 against the cost of their medical care services.

4 **Sec. 43.** RCW 74.09.710 and 2007 c 259 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The (~~department of social and health services~~) authority, in  
7 collaboration with the department of health and the department of  
8 social and health services, shall:

9 (a) Design and implement medical homes for its aged, blind, and  
10 disabled clients in conjunction with chronic care management programs  
11 to improve health outcomes, access, and cost-effectiveness. Programs  
12 must be evidence based, facilitating the use of information technology  
13 to improve quality of care, must acknowledge the role of primary care  
14 providers and include financial and other supports to enable these  
15 providers to effectively carry out their role in chronic care  
16 management, and must improve coordination of primary, acute, and long-  
17 term care for those clients with multiple chronic conditions. The  
18 (~~department~~) authority shall consider expansion of existing medical  
19 home and chronic care management programs and build on the Washington  
20 state collaborative initiative. The (~~department~~) authority shall use  
21 best practices in identifying those clients best served under a chronic  
22 care management model using predictive modeling through claims or other  
23 health risk information; and

24 (b) Evaluate the effectiveness of current chronic care management  
25 efforts in the (~~health and recovery services administration and the~~  
26 ~~aging and disability services administration~~) authority and the  
27 department, comparison to best practices, and recommendations for  
28 future efforts and organizational structure to improve chronic care  
29 management.

30 (2) For purposes of this section:

31 (a) "Medical home" means a site of care that provides comprehensive  
32 preventive and coordinated care centered on the patient needs and  
33 assures high quality, accessible, and efficient care.

34 (b) "Chronic care management" means the (~~department's~~)  
35 authority's program that provides care management and coordination  
36 activities for medical assistance clients determined to be at risk for  
37 high medical costs. "Chronic care management" provides education and

1 training and/or coordination that assist program participants in  
2 improving self-management skills to improve health outcomes and reduce  
3 medical costs by educating clients to better utilize services.

4 **Sec. 44.** RCW 74.09.715 and 2008 c 146 s 13 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Within funds appropriated for this purpose, the ((department))  
7 authority shall establish two dental access projects to serve seniors  
8 and other adults who are categorically needy blind or disabled. The  
9 projects shall provide:

- 10 (1) Enhanced reimbursement rates for certified dentists for  
11 specific procedures, to begin no sooner than July 1, 2009;
- 12 (2) Reimbursement for trained medical providers for preventive oral  
13 health services, to begin no sooner than July 1, 2009;
- 14 (3) Training, development, and implementation through a partnership  
15 with the University of Washington school of dentistry;
- 16 (4) Local program coordination including outreach and case  
17 management; and
- 18 (5) An evaluation that measures the change in utilization rates and  
19 cost savings.

20 **Sec. 45.** RCW 74.09.720 and 1983 c 194 s 26 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 (1) A prevention of blindness program is hereby established in the  
23 ((department of social and health services)) authority to provide  
24 prompt, specialized medical eye care, including assistance with costs  
25 when necessary, for conditions in which sight is endangered or sight  
26 can be restored or significantly improved. The ((department of social  
27 and health services)) authority shall adopt rules concerning program  
28 eligibility, levels of assistance, and the scope of services.

29 (2) The ((department of social and health services)) authority  
30 shall employ on a part-time basis an ophthalmological and/or an  
31 optometrical consultant to provide liaison with participating eye  
32 physicians and to review medical recommendations made by an applicant's  
33 eye physician to determine whether the proposed services meet program  
34 standards.

35 (3) The ((department of social and health services)) authority and

1 the department of services for the blind shall formulate a cooperative  
2 agreement concerning referral of clients between the two agencies and  
3 the coordination of policies and services.

4 **Sec. 46.** RCW 74.09.725 and 2006 c 367 s 8 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 ((The—department)) The\_\_authority shall provide coverage for  
7 prostate cancer screening under this chapter, provided that the  
8 screening is delivered upon the recommendation of the patient's  
9 physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician  
10 assistant.

11 **Sec. 47.** RCW 74.09.730 and 2009 c 538 s 1 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 In establishing Title XIX payments for inpatient hospital services:

14 (1) To the extent funds are appropriated specifically for this  
15 purpose, and subject to any conditions placed on appropriations made  
16 for this purpose, the ((department—of—social—and—health—services))  
17 authority shall provide a disproportionate share hospital adjustment  
18 considering the following components:

19 (a) A low-income care component based on a hospital's medicaid  
20 utilization rate, its low-income utilization rate, its provision of  
21 obstetric services, and other factors authorized by federal law;

22 (b) A medical indigency care component based on a hospital's  
23 services to persons who are medically indigent; and

24 (c) A state-only component, to be paid from available state funds  
25 to hospitals that do not qualify for federal payments under (b) of this  
26 subsection, based on a hospital's services to persons who are medically  
27 indigent;

28 (2) The payment methodology for disproportionate share hospitals  
29 shall be specified by the ((department)) authority in regulation.

30 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as a right or an  
31 entitlement by any hospital to any payment from the authority.

32 **Sec. 48.** RCW 74.09.770 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 10 s 2 are each  
33 amended to read as follows:

34 (1) The legislature finds that Washington state and the nation as  
35 a whole have a high rate of infant illness and death compared with

1 other industrialized nations. This is especially true for minority and  
2 low-income populations. Premature and low weight births have been  
3 directly linked to infant illness and death. The availability of  
4 adequate maternity care throughout the course of pregnancy has been  
5 identified as a major factor in reducing infant illness and death.  
6 Further, the investment in preventive health care programs, such as  
7 maternity care, contributes to the growth of a healthy and productive  
8 society and is a sound approach to health care cost containment. The  
9 legislature further finds that access to maternity care for low-income  
10 women in the state of Washington has declined significantly in recent  
11 years and has reached a crisis level.

12 (2) It is the purpose of this (~~chapter~~ ~~[subchapter]~~) subchapter  
13 to provide, consistent with appropriated funds, maternity care  
14 necessary to ensure healthy birth outcomes for low-income families. To  
15 this end, a maternity care access system is established based on the  
16 following principles:

17 (a) The family is the fundamental unit in our society and should be  
18 supported through public policy.

19 (b) Access to maternity care for eligible persons to ensure healthy  
20 birth outcomes should be made readily available in an expeditious  
21 manner through a single service entry point.

22 (c) Unnecessary barriers to maternity care for eligible persons  
23 should be removed.

24 (d) Access to preventive and other health care services should be  
25 available for low-income children.

26 (e) Each woman should be encouraged to and assisted in making her  
27 own informed decisions about her maternity care.

28 (f) Unnecessary barriers to the provision of maternity care by  
29 qualified health professionals should be removed.

30 (g) The system should be sensitive to cultural differences among  
31 eligible persons.

32 (h) To the extent possible, decisions about the scope, content, and  
33 delivery of services should be made at the local level involving a  
34 broad representation of community interests.

35 (i) The maternity care access system should be evaluated at  
36 appropriate intervals to determine effectiveness and need for  
37 modification.

1 (j) Maternity care services should be delivered in a cost-effective  
2 manner.

3 **Sec. 49.** RCW 74.09.790 and 1993 c 407 s 9 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
6 this section apply throughout RCW 74.09.760 through 74.09.820 and  
7 74.09.510:

8 (1) "At-risk eligible person" means an eligible person determined  
9 by the (~~department~~) authority to need special assistance in applying  
10 for and obtaining maternity care, including pregnant women who are  
11 substance abusers, pregnant and parenting adolescents, pregnant  
12 minority women, and other eligible persons who need special assistance  
13 in gaining access to the maternity care system.

14 (2) "County authority" means the board of county commissioners,  
15 county council, or county executive having the authority to participate  
16 in the maternity care access program or its designee. Two or more  
17 county authorities may enter into joint agreements to fulfill the  
18 requirements of this chapter.

19 (3) "Department" means the department of social and health  
20 services.

21 (4) "Eligible person" means a woman in need of maternity care or  
22 a child, who is eligible for medical assistance pursuant to this  
23 chapter or the prenatal care program administered by the (~~department~~)  
24 authority.

25 (5) "Maternity care services" means inpatient and outpatient  
26 medical care, case management, and support services necessary during  
27 prenatal, delivery, and postpartum periods.

28 (6) "Support services" means, at least, public health nursing  
29 assessment and follow-up, health and childbirth education,  
30 psychological assessment and counseling, outreach services, nutritional  
31 assessment and counseling, needed vitamin and nonprescriptive drugs,  
32 transportation, family planning services, and child care. Support  
33 services may include alcohol and substance abuse treatment for pregnant  
34 women who are addicted or at risk of being addicted to alcohol or drugs  
35 to the extent funds are made available for that purpose.

36 (7) "Family planning services" means planning the number of one's  
37 children by use of contraceptive techniques.

1        (8) "Authority" means the Washington state health care authority.

2        **Sec. 50.** RCW 74.09.800 and 1993 c 407 s 10 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

4        The (~~department~~) authority shall, consistent with the state  
5 budget act, develop a maternity care access program designed to ensure  
6 healthy birth outcomes as follows:

7        (1) Provide maternity care services to low-income pregnant women  
8 and health care services to children in poverty to the maximum extent  
9 allowable under the medical assistance program, Title XIX of the  
10 federal social security act;

11        (2) Provide maternity care services to low-income women who are not  
12 eligible to receive such services under the medical assistance program,  
13 Title XIX of the federal social security act;

14        (3) (~~By January 1, 1990,~~) Have the following procedures in place  
15 to improve access to maternity care services and eligibility  
16 determinations for pregnant women applying for maternity care services  
17 under the medical assistance program, Title XIX of the federal social  
18 security act:

19        (a) Use of a shortened and simplified application form;

20        (b) Outstationing (~~department~~) authority staff to make  
21 eligibility determinations;

22        (c) Establishing local plans at the county and regional level,  
23 coordinated by the (~~department~~) authority; and

24        (d) Conducting an interview for the purpose of determining medical  
25 assistance eligibility within five working days of the date of an  
26 application by a pregnant woman and making an eligibility determination  
27 within fifteen working days of the date of application by a pregnant  
28 woman;

29        (4) Establish a maternity care case management system that shall  
30 assist at-risk eligible persons with obtaining medical assistance  
31 benefits and receiving maternity care services, including  
32 transportation and child care services;

33        (5) Within available resources, establish appropriate reimbursement  
34 levels for maternity care providers;

35        (6) Implement a broad-based public education program that stresses  
36 the importance of obtaining maternity care early during pregnancy;

1 (7) Refer persons eligible for maternity care services under the  
2 program established by this section to persons, agencies, or  
3 organizations with maternity care service practices that primarily  
4 emphasize healthy birth outcomes;

5 (8) Provide family planning services including information about  
6 the synthetic progestin capsule implant form of contraception, for  
7 twelve months immediately following a pregnancy to women who were  
8 eligible for medical assistance under the maternity care access program  
9 during that pregnancy or who were eligible only for emergency labor and  
10 delivery services during that pregnancy; and

11 (9) Within available resources, provide family planning services to  
12 women who meet the financial eligibility requirements for services  
13 under subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

14 **Sec. 51.** RCW 74.09.810 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 10 s 6 are each  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (1) The ((~~department~~)) authority shall establish an alternative  
17 maternity care service delivery system, if it determines that a county  
18 or a group of counties is a maternity care distressed area. A  
19 maternity care distressed area shall be defined by the ((~~department~~))  
20 authority, in rule, as a county or a group of counties where eligible  
21 women are unable to obtain adequate maternity care. The ((~~department~~))  
22 authority shall include the following factors in its determination:

23 (a) Higher than average percentage of eligible persons in the  
24 distressed area who receive late or no prenatal care;

25 (b) Higher than average percentage of eligible persons in the  
26 distressed area who go out of the area to receive maternity care;

27 (c) Lower than average percentage of obstetrical care providers in  
28 the distressed area who provide care to eligible persons;

29 (d) Higher than average percentage of infants born to eligible  
30 persons per obstetrical care provider in the distressed area; and

31 (e) Higher than average percentage of infants that are of low birth  
32 weight, five and one-half pounds or two thousand five hundred grams,  
33 born to eligible persons in the distressed area.

34 (2) If the ((~~department~~)) authority determines that a maternity  
35 care distressed area exists, it shall notify the relevant county  
36 authority. The county authority shall, within one hundred twenty days,  
37 submit a brief report to the ((~~department~~)) authority recommending



1 remedial action. The report shall be prepared in consultation with the  
2 (~~department and its~~) authority and with the department's local  
3 community service offices, the local public health officer, community  
4 health clinics, health care providers, hospitals, the business  
5 community, labor representatives, and low-income advocates in the  
6 distressed area. A county authority may contract with a local  
7 nonprofit entity to develop the report. If the county authority is  
8 unwilling or unable to develop the report, it shall notify the  
9 (~~department~~) authority within thirty days, and the (~~department~~)  
10 authority shall develop the report for the distressed area.

11 (3) The (~~department~~) authority shall review the report and use  
12 it, to the extent possible, in developing strategies to improve  
13 maternity care access in the distressed area. The (~~department~~)  
14 authority may contract with or directly employ qualified maternity care  
15 health providers to provide maternity care services, if access to such  
16 providers in the distressed area is not possible by other means. In  
17 such cases, the (~~department~~) authority is authorized to pay that  
18 portion of the health care providers' malpractice liability insurance  
19 that represents the percentage of maternity care provided to eligible  
20 persons by that provider through increased medical assistance payments.

21 **Sec. 52.** RCW 74.09.820 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 10 s 7 are each  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 To the extent that federal matching funds are available, the  
24 (~~department~~) authority or the department of health (~~if one is~~  
25 ~~created~~) shall establish, in consultation with the health science  
26 programs of the state's colleges and universities, and community health  
27 clinics, a loan repayment program that will encourage maternity care  
28 providers to practice in medically underserved areas in exchange for  
29 repayment of part or all of their health education loans.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 53.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW  
31 to read as follows:

32 (1) The following persons have the right to an adjudicative  
33 proceeding:

34 (a) Any applicant or recipient who is aggrieved by a decision of  
35 the authority or an authorized agency of the authority; or

1 (b) A current or former recipient who is aggrieved by the  
2 authority's claim that he or she owes a debt for overpayment of  
3 assistance.

4 (2) For purposes of this section:

5 (a) "Applicant" means any person who has made a request, or on  
6 behalf of whom a request has been made to the authority for any medical  
7 services program established under chapter 74.09 RCW.

8 (b) "Recipient" means a person who is receiving benefits from the  
9 authority for any medical services program established in this chapter.

10 (3) An applicant or recipient has no right to an adjudicative  
11 proceeding when the sole basis for the authority's decision is a  
12 federal or state law requiring an assistance adjustment for a class of  
13 applicants or recipients.

14 (4) An applicant or recipient may file an application for an  
15 adjudicative proceeding with either the authority or the department and  
16 must do so within ninety calendar days after receiving notice of the  
17 aggrieving decision. The authority shall determine which agency is  
18 responsible for representing the state of Washington in the hearing, in  
19 accordance with agreements entered pursuant to RCW 41.05.021.

20 (5)(a) The adjudicative proceeding is governed by the  
21 administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW, and this subsection.  
22 The following requirements shall apply to adjudicative proceedings in  
23 which an appellant seeks review of decisions made by more than one  
24 agency. When an appellant files a single application for an  
25 adjudicative proceeding seeking review of decisions by more than one  
26 agency, this review shall be conducted initially in one adjudicative  
27 proceeding. The presiding officer may sever the proceeding into  
28 multiple proceedings on the motion of any of the parties, when:

29 (i) All parties consent to the severance; or

30 (ii) Either party requests severance without another party's  
31 consent, and the presiding officer finds there is good cause for  
32 severing the matter and that the proposed severance is not likely to  
33 prejudice the rights of an appellant who is a party to any of the  
34 severed proceedings.

35 (b) If there are multiple adjudicative proceedings involving common  
36 issues or parties where there is one appellant and both the authority  
37 and the department are parties, upon motion of any party or upon his or  
38 her own motion, the presiding offer may consolidate the proceedings if

1 he or she finds that the consolidation is not likely to prejudice the  
2 rights of the appellant who is a party to any of the consolidated  
3 proceedings.

4 (c) The adjudicative proceeding shall be conducted at the local  
5 community services office or other location in Washington convenient to  
6 the applicant or recipient and, upon agreement by the applicant or  
7 recipient, may be conducted telephonically.

8 (d) The applicant or recipient, or his or her representative, has  
9 the right to inspect his or her file from the authority and, upon  
10 request, to receive copies of authority documents relevant to the  
11 proceedings free of charge.

12 (e) The applicant or recipient has the right to a copy of the audio  
13 recording of the adjudicative proceeding free of charge.

14 (f) If a final adjudicative order is issued in favor of an  
15 applicant, medical services benefits must be provided from the date of  
16 earliest eligibility, the date of denial of the application for  
17 assistance, or forty-five days following the date of application,  
18 whichever is soonest. If a final adjudicative order is issued in favor  
19 of a recipient, medical services benefits must be provided from the  
20 effective date of the authority's decision.

21 (g) The authority is limited to recovering an overpayment arising  
22 from assistance being continued pending the adjudicative proceeding to  
23 the amount recoverable up to the sixtieth day after the director's  
24 receipt of the application for an adjudicative proceeding.

25 (6) If the director requires that a party seek administrative  
26 review of an initial order to an adjudicative proceeding governed by  
27 this section, in order for the party to exhaust administrative remedies  
28 pursuant to RCW 34.05.534, the director shall adopt and implement rules  
29 in accordance with this subsection.

30 (a) The director, in consultation with the secretary, shall adopt  
31 rules to create a process for parties to seek administrative review of  
32 initial orders issued pursuant to RCW 34.05.461 in adjudicative  
33 proceedings governed by this subsection when multiple agencies are  
34 parties.

35 (b) This process shall seek to minimize any procedural complexities  
36 imposed on appellants that result from multiple agencies being parties  
37 to the matter, without prejudicing the rights of parties who are public  
38 assistance applicants or recipients.

1 (c) Nothing in this subsection shall impose or modify any legal  
2 requirement that a party seek administrative review of initial orders  
3 in order to exhaust administrative remedies pursuant to RCW 34.05.534.

4 (7) This subsection only applies to an adjudicative proceeding in  
5 which the appellant is an applicant for or recipient of medical  
6 services programs established under this chapter and the issue is his  
7 or her eligibility or ineligibility due to the assignment or transfer  
8 of a resource. The burden is on the authority or its authorized agency  
9 to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the person knowingly  
10 and willingly assigned or transferred the resource at less than market  
11 value for the purpose of qualifying or continuing to qualify for  
12 medical services programs established under this chapter. If the  
13 prevailing party in the adjudicative proceeding is the applicant or  
14 recipient, he or she is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees.

15 (8) When an applicant or recipient files a petition for judicial  
16 review as provided in RCW 34.05.514 of an adjudicative order entered  
17 with respect to the medical services program, no filing fee may be  
18 collected from the person and no bond may be required on any appeal.  
19 In the event that the superior court, the court of appeals, or the  
20 supreme court renders a decision in favor of the applicant or  
21 recipient, the person is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and  
22 costs. If a decision of the court is made in favor of an applicant,  
23 assistance shall be paid from the date of earliest eligibility, the  
24 date of the denial of the application for assistance, or forty-five  
25 days following the date of application, whichever is soonest. If a  
26 decision of the court is made in favor of a recipient, assistance shall  
27 be paid from the effective date of the authority's decision.

28 (9) The provisions of RCW 74.08.080 do not apply to adjudicative  
29 proceedings requested or conducted with respect to the medical services  
30 program pursuant to this section.

31 (10) The authority shall adopt any rules it deems necessary to  
32 implement this section.

33 **Sec. 54.** RCW 41.05.011 and 2009 c 537 s 3 are each amended to read  
34 as follows:

35 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
36 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

1           (1) (~~"Administrator"~~) "Director" means the (~~administrator~~)  
2 director of the authority.

3           (2) "State purchased health care" or "health care" means medical  
4 and health care, pharmaceuticals, and medical equipment purchased with  
5 state and federal funds by the department of social and health  
6 services, the department of health, the basic health plan, the state  
7 health care authority, the department of labor and industries, the  
8 department of corrections, the department of veterans affairs, and  
9 local school districts.

10          (3) "Authority" means the Washington state health care authority.

11          (4) "Insuring entity" means an insurer as defined in chapter 48.01  
12 RCW, a health care service contractor as defined in chapter 48.44 RCW,  
13 or a health maintenance organization as defined in chapter 48.46 RCW.

14          (5) "Flexible benefit plan" means a benefit plan that allows  
15 employees to choose the level of health care coverage provided and the  
16 amount of employee contributions from among a range of choices offered  
17 by the authority.

18          (6) "Employee" includes all employees of the state, whether or not  
19 covered by civil service; elected and appointed officials of the  
20 executive branch of government, including full-time members of boards,  
21 commissions, or committees; justices of the supreme court and judges of  
22 the court of appeals and the superior courts; and members of the state  
23 legislature. Pursuant to contractual agreement with the authority,  
24 "employee" may also include: (a) Employees of a county, municipality,  
25 or other political subdivision of the state and members of the  
26 legislative authority of any county, city, or town who are elected to  
27 office after February 20, 1970, if the legislative authority of the  
28 county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state seeks  
29 and receives the approval of the authority to provide any of its  
30 insurance programs by contract with the authority, as provided in RCW  
31 41.04.205 and 41.05.021(1)(g); (b) employees of employee organizations  
32 representing state civil service employees, at the option of each such  
33 employee organization, and, effective October 1, 1995, employees of  
34 employee organizations currently pooled with employees of school  
35 districts for the purpose of purchasing insurance benefits, at the  
36 option of each such employee organization; (c) employees of a school  
37 district if the authority agrees to provide any of the school  
38 districts' insurance programs by contract with the authority as

1 provided in RCW 28A.400.350; and (d) employees of a tribal government,  
2 if the governing body of the tribal government seeks and receives the  
3 approval of the authority to provide any of its insurance programs by  
4 contract with the authority, as provided in RCW 41.05.021(1) (f) and  
5 (g). "Employee" does not include: Adult family homeowners; unpaid  
6 volunteers; patients of state hospitals; inmates; employees of the  
7 Washington state convention and trade center as provided in RCW  
8 41.05.110; students of institutions of higher education as determined  
9 by their institution; and any others not expressly defined as employees  
10 under this chapter or by the authority under this chapter.

11 (7) "Seasonal employee" means an employee hired to work during a  
12 recurring, annual season with a duration of three months or more, and  
13 anticipated to return each season to perform similar work.

14 (8) "Faculty" means an academic employee of an institution of  
15 higher education whose workload is not defined by work hours but whose  
16 appointment, workload, and duties directly serve the institution's  
17 academic mission, as determined under the authority of its enabling  
18 statutes, its governing body, and any applicable collective bargaining  
19 agreement.

20 (9) "Board" means the public employees' benefits board established  
21 under RCW 41.05.055.

22 (10) "Retired or disabled school employee" means:

23 (a) Persons who separated from employment with a school district or  
24 educational service district and are receiving a retirement allowance  
25 under chapter 41.32 or 41.40 RCW as of September 30, 1993;

26 (b) Persons who separate from employment with a school district or  
27 educational service district on or after October 1, 1993, and  
28 immediately upon separation receive a retirement allowance under  
29 chapter 41.32, 41.35, or 41.40 RCW;

30 (c) Persons who separate from employment with a school district or  
31 educational service district due to a total and permanent disability,  
32 and are eligible to receive a deferred retirement allowance under  
33 chapter 41.32, 41.35, or 41.40 RCW.

34 (11) "Premium payment plan" means a benefit plan whereby state and  
35 public employees may pay their share of group health plan premiums with  
36 pretax dollars as provided in the salary reduction plan under this  
37 chapter pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Sec. 125 or other sections of the  
38 internal revenue code.

- 1 (12) "Salary" means a state employee's monthly salary or wages.
- 2 (13) "Participant" means an individual who fulfills the eligibility  
3 and enrollment requirements under the salary reduction plan.
- 4 (14) "Plan year" means the time period established by the  
5 authority.
- 6 (15) "Separated employees" means persons who separate from  
7 employment with an employer as defined in:
- 8 (a) RCW 41.32.010(~~((+11))~~) (17) on or after July 1, 1996; or  
9 (b) RCW 41.35.010 on or after September 1, 2000; or  
10 (c) RCW 41.40.010 on or after March 1, 2002;
- 11 and who are at least age fifty-five and have at least ten years of  
12 service under the teachers' retirement system plan 3 as defined in RCW  
13 41.32.010(~~((+40))~~) (33), the Washington school employees' retirement  
14 system plan 3 as defined in RCW 41.35.010, or the public employees'  
15 retirement system plan 3 as defined in RCW 41.40.010.
- 16 (16) "Emergency service personnel killed in the line of duty" means  
17 law enforcement officers and firefighters as defined in RCW 41.26.030,  
18 members of the Washington state patrol retirement fund as defined in  
19 RCW 43.43.120, and reserve officers and firefighters as defined in RCW  
20 41.24.010 who die as a result of injuries sustained in the course of  
21 employment as determined consistent with Title 51 RCW by the department  
22 of labor and industries.
- 23 (17) "Employer" means the state of Washington.
- 24 (18) "Employing agency" means a division, department, or separate  
25 agency of state government, including an institution of higher  
26 education; a county, municipality, school district, educational service  
27 district, or other political subdivision; and a tribal government  
28 covered by this chapter.
- 29 (19) "Tribal government" means an Indian tribal government as  
30 defined in section 3(32) of the employee retirement income security act  
31 of 1974, as amended, or an agency or instrumentality of the tribal  
32 government, that has government offices principally located in this  
33 state.
- 34 (20) "Dependent care assistance program" means a benefit plan  
35 whereby state and public employees may pay for certain employment  
36 related dependent care with pretax dollars as provided in the salary  
37 reduction plan under this chapter pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Sec. 129 or  
38 other sections of the internal revenue code.

1 (21) "Salary reduction plan" means a benefit plan whereby state and  
2 public employees may agree to a reduction of salary on a pretax basis  
3 to participate in the dependent care assistance program, medical  
4 flexible spending arrangement, or premium payment plan offered pursuant  
5 to 26 U.S.C. Sec. 125 or other sections of the internal revenue code.

6 (22) "Medical flexible spending arrangement" means a benefit plan  
7 whereby state and public employees may reduce their salary before taxes  
8 to pay for medical expenses not reimbursed by insurance as provided in  
9 the salary reduction plan under this chapter pursuant to 26 U.S.C. Sec.  
10 125 or other sections of the internal revenue code.

11 **Sec. 55.** RCW 41.05.015 and 2000 c 5 s 16 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 The (~~administrator~~) director shall designate a medical director  
14 who is licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW. The director shall  
15 also appoint such professional personnel and other assistants and  
16 employees, including professional medical screeners, as may be  
17 reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter and  
18 chapter 74.09 RCW. The medical screeners must be supervised by one or  
19 more physicians whom the director or the director's designee shall  
20 appoint.

21 **Sec. 56.** RCW 41.05.021 and 2009 c 537 s 4 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 (1) The Washington state health care authority is created within  
24 the executive branch. The authority shall have (~~an administrator~~) a  
25 director appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate.  
26 The (~~administrator~~) director shall serve at the pleasure of the  
27 governor. The (~~administrator~~) director may employ (~~up to seven~~  
28 ~~staff members~~) a deputy director, and such assistant directors and  
29 special assistants as may be needed to administer the authority, who  
30 shall be exempt from chapter 41.06 RCW, and any additional staff  
31 members as are necessary to administer this chapter. The  
32 (~~administrator~~) director may delegate any power or duty vested in him  
33 or her by (~~this chapter~~) law, including authority to make final  
34 decisions and enter final orders in hearings conducted under chapter  
35 34.05 RCW. The primary duties of the authority shall be to:  
36 Administer state employees' insurance benefits and retired or disabled



1 school employees' insurance benefits; administer the basic health plan  
2 pursuant to chapter 70.47 RCW; administer the children's health program  
3 pursuant to chapter 74.09 RCW; study state-purchased health care  
4 programs in order to maximize cost containment in these programs while  
5 ensuring access to quality health care; implement state initiatives,  
6 joint purchasing strategies, and techniques for efficient  
7 administration that have potential application to all state-purchased  
8 health services; and administer grants that further the mission and  
9 goals of the authority. The authority's duties include, but are not  
10 limited to, the following:

11 (a) To administer health care benefit programs for employees and  
12 retired or disabled school employees as specifically authorized in RCW  
13 41.05.065 and in accordance with the methods described in RCW  
14 41.05.075, 41.05.140, and other provisions of this chapter;

15 (b) To analyze state-purchased health care programs and to explore  
16 options for cost containment and delivery alternatives for those  
17 programs that are consistent with the purposes of those programs,  
18 including, but not limited to:

19 (i) Creation of economic incentives for the persons for whom the  
20 state purchases health care to appropriately utilize and purchase  
21 health care services, including the development of flexible benefit  
22 plans to offset increases in individual financial responsibility;

23 (ii) Utilization of provider arrangements that encourage cost  
24 containment, including but not limited to prepaid delivery systems,  
25 utilization review, and prospective payment methods, and that ensure  
26 access to quality care, including assuring reasonable access to local  
27 providers, especially for employees residing in rural areas;

28 (iii) Coordination of state agency efforts to purchase drugs  
29 effectively as provided in RCW 70.14.050;

30 (iv) Development of recommendations and methods for purchasing  
31 medical equipment and supporting services on a volume discount basis;

32 (v) Development of data systems to obtain utilization data from  
33 state-purchased health care programs in order to identify cost centers,  
34 utilization patterns, provider and hospital practice patterns, and  
35 procedure costs, utilizing the information obtained pursuant to RCW  
36 41.05.031; and

37 (vi) In collaboration with other state agencies that administer

1 state purchased health care programs, private health care purchasers,  
2 health care facilities, providers, and carriers:

3 (A) Use evidence-based medicine principles to develop common  
4 performance measures and implement financial incentives in contracts  
5 with insuring entities, health care facilities, and providers that:

6 (I) Reward improvements in health outcomes for individuals with  
7 chronic diseases, increased utilization of appropriate preventive  
8 health services, and reductions in medical errors; and

9 (II) Increase, through appropriate incentives to insuring entities,  
10 health care facilities, and providers, the adoption and use of  
11 information technology that contributes to improved health outcomes,  
12 better coordination of care, and decreased medical errors;

13 (B) Through state health purchasing, reimbursement, or pilot  
14 strategies, promote and increase the adoption of health information  
15 technology systems, including electronic medical records, by hospitals  
16 as defined in RCW 70.41.020(4), integrated delivery systems, and  
17 providers that:

18 (I) Facilitate diagnosis or treatment;

19 (II) Reduce unnecessary duplication of medical tests;

20 (III) Promote efficient electronic physician order entry;

21 (IV) Increase access to health information for consumers and their  
22 providers; and

23 (V) Improve health outcomes;

24 (C) Coordinate a strategy for the adoption of health information  
25 technology systems using the final health information technology report  
26 and recommendations developed under chapter 261, Laws of 2005;

27 (c) To analyze areas of public and private health care interaction;

28 (d) To provide information and technical and administrative  
29 assistance to the board;

30 (e) To review and approve or deny applications from counties,  
31 municipalities, and other political subdivisions of the state to  
32 provide state-sponsored insurance or self-insurance programs to their  
33 employees in accordance with the provisions of RCW 41.04.205 and (g) of  
34 this subsection, setting the premium contribution for approved groups  
35 as outlined in RCW 41.05.050;

36 (f) To review and approve or deny the application when the  
37 governing body of a tribal government applies to transfer their  
38 employees to an insurance or self-insurance program administered under

1 this chapter. In the event of an employee transfer pursuant to this  
2 subsection (1)(f), members of the governing body are eligible to be  
3 included in such a transfer if the members are authorized by the tribal  
4 government to participate in the insurance program being transferred  
5 from and subject to payment by the members of all costs of insurance  
6 for the members. The authority shall: (i) Establish the conditions  
7 for participation; (ii) have the sole right to reject the application;  
8 and (iii) set the premium contribution for approved groups as outlined  
9 in RCW 41.05.050. Approval of the application by the authority  
10 transfers the employees and dependents involved to the insurance,  
11 self-insurance, or health care program approved by the authority;

12 (g) To ensure the continued status of the employee insurance or  
13 self-insurance programs administered under this chapter as a  
14 governmental plan under section 3(32) of the employee retirement income  
15 security act of 1974, as amended, the authority shall limit the  
16 participation of employees of a county, municipal, school district,  
17 educational service district, or other political subdivision, or a  
18 tribal government, including providing for the participation of those  
19 employees whose services are substantially all in the performance of  
20 essential governmental functions, but not in the performance of  
21 commercial activities;

22 (h) To establish billing procedures and collect funds from school  
23 districts in a way that minimizes the administrative burden on  
24 districts;

25 (i) To publish and distribute to nonparticipating school districts  
26 and educational service districts by October 1st of each year a  
27 description of health care benefit plans available through the  
28 authority and the estimated cost if school districts and educational  
29 service district employees were enrolled;

30 (j) To apply for, receive, and accept grants, gifts, and other  
31 payments, including property and service, from any governmental or  
32 other public or private entity or person, and make arrangements as to  
33 the use of these receipts to implement initiatives and strategies  
34 developed under this section;

35 (k) To issue, distribute, and administer grants that further the  
36 mission and goals of the authority;

37 (l) To adopt rules consistent with this chapter as described in RCW  
38 41.05.160 including, but not limited to:

1 (i) Setting forth the criteria established by the board under RCW  
2 41.05.065 for determining whether an employee is eligible for benefits;

3 (ii) Establishing an appeal process in accordance with chapter  
4 34.05 RCW by which an employee may appeal an eligibility determination;

5 (iii) Establishing a process to assure that the eligibility  
6 determinations of an employing agency comply with the criteria under  
7 this chapter, including the imposition of penalties as may be  
8 authorized by the board;

9 (m)(i) To administer the medical services programs established  
10 under chapter 74.09 RCW as the designated single state agency for  
11 purposes of Title XIX of the federal social security act;

12 (ii) To administer the state children's health insurance program  
13 under chapter 74.09 RCW for purposes of Title XXI of the federal social  
14 security act;

15 (iii) To enter into agreements with the department of social and  
16 health services for administration of medical care services programs  
17 under Titles XIX and XXI of the social security act. The agreements  
18 shall establish the division of responsibilities between the authority  
19 and the department with respect to mental health, chemical dependency,  
20 and long-term care services, including services for persons with  
21 developmental disabilities. The agreements shall be revised as  
22 necessary, to comply with the final implementation plan adopted under  
23 section 116 of this act;

24 (iv) To adopt rules to carry out the purposes of chapter 74.09 RCW;

25 (v) To appoint such advisory committees or councils as may be  
26 required by any federal statute or regulation as a condition to the  
27 receipt of federal funds by the authority. The director may appoint  
28 statewide committees or councils in the following subject areas: (A)  
29 Health facilities; (B) children and youth services; (C) blind services;  
30 (D) medical and health care; (E) drug abuse and alcoholism; (F)  
31 rehabilitative services; and (G) such other subject matters as are or  
32 come within the authority's responsibilities. The statewide councils  
33 shall have representation from both major political parties and shall  
34 have substantial consumer representation. Such committees or councils  
35 shall be constituted as required by federal law or as the director in  
36 his or her discretion may determine. The members of the committees or  
37 councils shall hold office for three years except in the case of a  
38 vacancy, in which event appointment shall be only for the remainder of

1 the unexpired term for which the vacancy occurs. No member shall serve  
2 more than two consecutive terms. Members of such state advisory  
3 committees or councils may be paid their travel expenses in accordance  
4 with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended.

5 (2) On and after January 1, 1996, the public employees' benefits  
6 board may implement strategies to promote managed competition among  
7 employee health benefit plans. Strategies may include but are not  
8 limited to:

9 (a) Standardizing the benefit package;

10 (b) Soliciting competitive bids for the benefit package;

11 (c) Limiting the state's contribution to a percent of the lowest  
12 priced qualified plan within a geographical area;

13 (d) Monitoring the impact of the approach under this subsection  
14 with regards to: Efficiencies in health service delivery, cost shifts  
15 to subscribers, access to and choice of managed care plans statewide,  
16 and quality of health services. The health care authority shall also  
17 advise on the value of administering a benchmark employer-managed plan  
18 to promote competition among managed care plans.

19 **Sec. 57.** RCW 41.05.036 and 2009 c 300 s 2 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 The definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 41.05.039  
22 through 41.05.046 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

23 (1) (~~("Administrator")~~) "Director" means the (~~(administrator)~~)  
24 director of the state health care authority under this chapter.

25 (2) "Exchange" means the methods or medium by which health care  
26 information may be electronically and securely exchanged among  
27 authorized providers, payors, and patients within Washington state.

28 (3) "Health care provider" or "provider" has the same meaning as in  
29 RCW 48.43.005.

30 (4) "Health data provider" means an organization that is a primary  
31 source for health-related data for Washington residents, including but  
32 not limited to:

33 (a) The children's health immunizations linkages and development  
34 profile immunization registry provided by the department of health  
35 pursuant to chapter 43.70 RCW;

36 (b) Commercial laboratories providing medical laboratory testing  
37 results;

1 (c) Prescription drugs clearinghouses, such as the national patient  
2 health information network; and

3 (d) Diagnostic imaging centers.

4 (5) "Lead organization" means a private sector organization or  
5 organizations designated by the (~~administrator~~) director to lead  
6 development of processes, guidelines, and standards under chapter 300,  
7 Laws of 2009.

8 (6) "Payor" means public purchasers, as defined in this section,  
9 carriers licensed under chapters 48.20, 48.21, 48.44, 48.46, and 48.62  
10 RCW, and the Washington state health insurance pool established in  
11 chapter 48.41 RCW.

12 (7) "Public purchaser" means the department of social and health  
13 services, the department of labor and industries, and the health care  
14 authority.

15 (8) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health.

16 **Sec. 58.** RCW 41.05.037 and 2007 c 259 s 15 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 To the extent that (~~sufficient~~) funding is provided specifically  
19 for this purpose, the (~~administrator, in collaboration with the~~  
20 ~~department of social and health services,~~) director shall provide all  
21 persons enrolled in health plans under this chapter and chapters 70.47  
22 and 74.09 RCW with access to a twenty-four hour, seven day a week nurse  
23 hotline.

24 **Sec. 59.** RCW 41.05.140 and 2000 c 80 s 5 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 (1) Except for property and casualty insurance, the authority may  
27 self-fund, self-insure, or enter into other methods of providing  
28 insurance coverage for insurance programs under its jurisdiction,  
29 including the basic health plan as provided in chapter 70.47 RCW. The  
30 authority shall contract for payment of claims or other administrative  
31 services for programs under its jurisdiction. If a program does not  
32 require the prepayment of reserves, the authority shall establish such  
33 reserves within a reasonable period of time for the payment of claims  
34 as are normally required for that type of insurance under an insured  
35 program. The authority shall endeavor to reimburse basic health plan

1 health care providers under this section at rates similar to the  
2 average reimbursement rates offered by the statewide benchmark plan  
3 determined through the request for proposal process.

4 (2) Reserves established by the authority for employee and retiree  
5 benefit programs shall be held in a separate trust fund by the state  
6 treasurer and shall be known as the public employees' and retirees'  
7 insurance reserve fund. The state investment board shall act as the  
8 investor for the funds and, except as provided in RCW 43.33A.160 and  
9 43.84.160, one hundred percent of all earnings from these investments  
10 shall accrue directly to the public employees' and retirees' insurance  
11 reserve fund.

12 (3) Any savings realized as a result of a program created for  
13 employees and retirees under this section shall not be used to increase  
14 benefits unless such use is authorized by statute.

15 (4) Reserves established by the authority to provide insurance  
16 coverage for the basic health plan under chapter 70.47 RCW shall be  
17 held in a separate trust account in the custody of the state treasurer  
18 and shall be known as the basic health plan self-insurance reserve  
19 account. The state investment board shall act as the investor for the  
20 funds as set forth in RCW 43.33A.230 and, except as provided in RCW  
21 43.33A.160 and 43.84.160, one hundred percent of all earnings from  
22 these investments shall accrue directly to the basic health plan self-  
23 insurance reserve account.

24 (5) Any program created under this section shall be subject to the  
25 examination requirements of chapter 48.03 RCW as if the program were a  
26 domestic insurer. In conducting an examination, the commissioner shall  
27 determine the adequacy of the reserves established for the program.

28 (6) The authority shall keep full and adequate accounts and records  
29 of the assets, obligations, transactions, and affairs of any program  
30 created under this section.

31 (7) The authority shall file a quarterly statement of the financial  
32 condition, transactions, and affairs of any program created under this  
33 section in a form and manner prescribed by the insurance commissioner.  
34 The statement shall contain information as required by the commissioner  
35 for the type of insurance being offered under the program. A copy of  
36 the annual statement shall be filed with the speaker of the house of  
37 representatives and the president of the senate.





1 this subsection, as evidenced by the ninety-day duration standard, is  
2 not intended to be as stringent as federal supplemental security income  
3 disability standards; and

4 (A) Are citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent  
5 residence or otherwise residing in the United States under color of  
6 law;

7 (B) Have furnished the department their social security number. If  
8 the social security number cannot be furnished because it has not been  
9 issued or is not known, an application for a number shall be made prior  
10 to authorization of benefits, and the social security number shall be  
11 provided to the department upon receipt;

12 (C) Have not refused or failed without good cause to participate in  
13 drug or alcohol treatment if an assessment by a certified chemical  
14 dependency counselor indicates a need for such treatment. Good cause  
15 must be found to exist when a person's physical or mental condition, as  
16 determined by the department, prevents the person from participating in  
17 drug or alcohol dependency treatment, when needed outpatient drug or  
18 alcohol treatment is not available to the person in the county of his  
19 or her residence or when needed inpatient treatment is not available in  
20 a location that is reasonably accessible for the person; and

21 (D) Have not refused or failed without good cause to participate in  
22 vocational rehabilitation services, if an assessment conducted under  
23 RCW 74.04.655 indicates that the person might benefit from such  
24 services. Good cause must be found to exist when a person's physical  
25 or mental condition, as determined by the department, prevents the  
26 person from participating in vocational rehabilitation services, or  
27 when vocational rehabilitation services are not available to the person  
28 in the county of his or her residence.

29 (b)(i) Persons who initially apply and are found eligible for  
30 disability lifeline benefits based upon incapacity from gainful  
31 employment under (a) of this subsection on or after September 2, 2010,  
32 who are homeless and have been assessed as needing chemical dependency  
33 or mental health treatment or both, must agree, as a condition of  
34 eligibility for the disability lifeline program, to accept a housing  
35 voucher in lieu of a cash grant if a voucher is available. The  
36 department shall establish the dollar value of the housing voucher.  
37 The dollar value of the housing voucher may differ from the value of

1 the cash grant. Persons receiving a housing voucher under this  
2 subsection also shall receive a cash stipend of fifty dollars per  
3 month.

4 (ii) If the department of commerce has determined under RCW  
5 43.330.175 that sufficient housing is not available, persons described  
6 in this subsection who apply for disability lifeline benefits during  
7 the time period that housing is not available shall receive a cash  
8 grant in lieu of a cash stipend and housing voucher.

9 (iii) Persons who refuse to accept a housing voucher under this  
10 subsection but otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of (a) of  
11 this subsection are eligible for medical care services benefits under  
12 RCW 74.09.035, subject to the time limits in (h) of this subsection.

13 (c) The following persons are not eligible for the disability  
14 lifeline program:

15 (i) Persons who are unemployable due primarily to alcohol or drug  
16 addiction. These persons shall be referred to appropriate assessment,  
17 treatment, shelter, or supplemental security income referral services  
18 as authorized under chapter 74.50 RCW. Referrals shall be made at the  
19 time of application or at the time of eligibility review. This  
20 subsection shall not be construed to prohibit the department from  
21 granting disability lifeline benefits to alcoholics and drug addicts  
22 who are incapacitated due to other physical or mental conditions that  
23 meet the eligibility criteria for the disability lifeline program;

24 (ii) Persons who refuse or fail to cooperate in obtaining federal  
25 aid assistance, without good cause.

26 (d) Disability lifeline benefits shall be provided only to persons  
27 who are not members of assistance units receiving federal aid  
28 assistance, except as provided in (a) of this subsection, and who will  
29 accept available services that can reasonably be expected to enable the  
30 person to work or reduce the need for assistance unless there is good  
31 cause to refuse. Failure to accept such services shall result in  
32 termination until the person agrees to cooperate in accepting such  
33 services and subject to the following maximum periods of ineligibility  
34 after reapplication:

- 35 (i) First failure: One week;
- 36 (ii) Second failure within six months: One month;
- 37 (iii) Third and subsequent failure within one year: Two months.

1 (e) Persons who are likely eligible for federal supplemental  
2 security income benefits shall be moved into the disability lifeline  
3 expedited component of the disability lifeline program. Persons placed  
4 in the expedited component of the program may, if otherwise eligible,  
5 receive disability lifeline benefits pending application for federal  
6 supplemental security income benefits. The monetary value of any  
7 disability lifeline benefit that is subsequently duplicated by the  
8 person's receipt of supplemental security income for the same period  
9 shall be considered a debt due the state and shall by operation of law  
10 be subject to recovery through all available legal remedies.

11 (f) For purposes of determining whether a person is incapacitated  
12 from gainful employment under (a) of this subsection:

13 (i) The department shall adopt by rule medical criteria for  
14 disability lifeline incapacity determinations to ensure that  
15 eligibility decisions are consistent with statutory requirements and  
16 are based on clear, objective medical information; and

17 (ii) The process implementing the medical criteria shall involve  
18 consideration of opinions of the treating or consulting physicians or  
19 health care professionals regarding incapacity, and any eligibility  
20 decision which rejects uncontroverted medical opinion must set forth  
21 clear and convincing reasons for doing so.

22 (g) Persons receiving disability lifeline benefits based upon a  
23 finding of incapacity from gainful employment who remain otherwise  
24 eligible shall have their benefits discontinued unless the recipient  
25 demonstrates no material improvement in their medical or mental health  
26 condition. The department may discontinue benefits when there was  
27 specific error in the prior determination that found the person  
28 eligible by reason of incapacitation.

29 (h)(i) Beginning September 1, 2010, no person who is currently  
30 receiving or becomes eligible for disability lifeline program benefits  
31 shall be eligible to receive benefits under the program for more than  
32 twenty-four months in a sixty-month period. For purposes of this  
33 subsection, months of receipt of general assistance-unemployable  
34 benefits count toward the twenty-four month limit. Months during which  
35 a person received benefits under the expedited component of the  
36 disability lifeline or general assistance program or under the aged,  
37 blind, or disabled component of the disability lifeline or general  
38 assistance program shall not be included when determining whether a

1 person has been receiving benefits for more than twenty-four months.  
2 On or before July 1, 2010, the department must review the cases of all  
3 persons who have received disability lifeline benefits or general  
4 assistance unemployable benefits for at least twenty months as of that  
5 date. On or before September 1, 2010, the department must review the  
6 cases of all remaining persons who have received disability lifeline  
7 benefits for at least twelve months as of that date. The review should  
8 determine whether the person meets the federal supplemental security  
9 income disability standard and, if the person does not meet that  
10 standard, whether the receipt of additional services could lead to  
11 employability. If a need for additional services is identified, the  
12 department shall provide case management services, such as assistance  
13 with arranging transportation or locating stable housing, that will  
14 facilitate the person's access to needed services. A person may not be  
15 determined ineligible due to exceeding the time limit unless he or she  
16 has received a case review under this subsection finding that the  
17 person does not meet the federal supplemental security income  
18 disability standard.

19 (ii) The time limits established under this subsection expire June  
20 30, 2013.

21 (i) No person may be considered an eligible individual for  
22 disability lifeline benefits with respect to any month if during that  
23 month the person:

24 (i) Is fleeing to avoid prosecution of, or to avoid custody or  
25 confinement for conviction of, a felony, or an attempt to commit a  
26 felony, under the laws of the state of Washington or the place from  
27 which the person flees; or

28 (ii) Is violating a condition of probation, community supervision,  
29 or parole imposed under federal or state law for a felony or gross  
30 misdemeanor conviction.

31 (6) "Disability lifeline expedited" means a component of the  
32 disability lifeline program under which persons receiving disability  
33 lifeline benefits have been determined, after examination by an  
34 appropriate health care provider, to be likely to be eligible for  
35 federal supplemental security income benefits based on medical and  
36 behavioral health evidence that meets the disability standards used for  
37 the federal supplemental security income program.

1 (7) "Federal aid assistance"--The specific categories of assistance  
2 for which provision is made in any federal law existing or hereafter  
3 passed by which payments are made from the federal government to the  
4 state in aid or in respect to payment by the state for public  
5 assistance rendered to any category of needy persons for which  
6 provision for federal funds or aid may from time to time be made, or a  
7 federally administered needs-based program.

8 (8) "Applicant"--Any person who has made a request, or on behalf of  
9 whom a request has been made, to any county or local office for  
10 assistance.

11 (9) "Recipient"--Any person receiving assistance and in addition  
12 those dependents whose needs are included in the recipient's  
13 assistance.

14 (10) "Standards of assistance"--The level of income required by an  
15 applicant or recipient to maintain a level of living specified by the  
16 department.

17 (11) "Resource"--Any asset, tangible or intangible, owned by or  
18 available to the applicant at the time of application, which can be  
19 applied toward meeting the applicant's need, either directly or by  
20 conversion into money or its equivalent. The department may by rule  
21 designate resources that an applicant may retain and not be ineligible  
22 for public assistance because of such resources. Exempt resources  
23 shall include, but are not limited to:

24 (a) A home that an applicant, recipient, or their dependents is  
25 living in, including the surrounding property;

26 (b) Household furnishings and personal effects;

27 (c) A motor vehicle, other than a motor home, used and useful  
28 having an equity value not to exceed five thousand dollars;

29 (d) A motor vehicle necessary to transport a household member with  
30 a physical disability. This exclusion is limited to one vehicle per  
31 person with a physical disability;

32 (e) All other resources, including any excess of values exempted,  
33 not to exceed one thousand dollars or other limit as set by the  
34 department, to be consistent with limitations on resources and  
35 exemptions necessary for federal aid assistance. The department shall  
36 also allow recipients of temporary assistance for needy families to  
37 exempt savings accounts with combined balances of up to an additional  
38 three thousand dollars;

1 (f) Applicants for or recipients of disability lifeline benefits  
2 shall have their eligibility based on resource limitations consistent  
3 with the temporary assistance for needy families program rules adopted  
4 by the department; and

5 (g) If an applicant for or recipient of public assistance possesses  
6 property and belongings in excess of the ceiling value, such value  
7 shall be used in determining the need of the applicant or recipient,  
8 except that: (i) The department may exempt resources or income when  
9 the income and resources are determined necessary to the applicant's or  
10 recipient's restoration to independence, to decrease the need for  
11 public assistance, or to aid in rehabilitating the applicant or  
12 recipient or a dependent of the applicant or recipient; and (ii) the  
13 department may provide grant assistance for a period not to exceed nine  
14 months from the date the agreement is signed pursuant to this section  
15 to persons who are otherwise ineligible because of excess real property  
16 owned by such persons when they are making a good faith effort to  
17 dispose of that property: PROVIDED, That:

18 (A) The applicant or recipient signs an agreement to repay the  
19 lesser of the amount of aid received or the net proceeds of such sale;

20 (B) If the owner of the excess property ceases to make good faith  
21 efforts to sell the property, the entire amount of assistance may  
22 become an overpayment and a debt due the state and may be recovered  
23 pursuant to RCW 43.20B.630;

24 (C) Applicants and recipients are advised of their right to a fair  
25 hearing and afforded the opportunity to challenge a decision that good  
26 faith efforts to sell have ceased, prior to assessment of an  
27 overpayment under this section; and

28 (D) At the time assistance is authorized, the department files a  
29 lien without a sum certain on the specific property.

30 (12) "Income"--(a) All appreciable gains in real or personal  
31 property (cash or kind) or other assets, which are received by or  
32 become available for use and enjoyment by an applicant or recipient  
33 during the month of application or after applying for or receiving  
34 public assistance. The department may by rule and regulation exempt  
35 income received by an applicant for or recipient of public assistance  
36 which can be used by him or her to decrease his or her need for public  
37 assistance or to aid in rehabilitating him or her or his or her  
38 dependents, but such exemption shall not, unless otherwise provided in

1 this title, exceed the exemptions of resources granted under this  
2 chapter to an applicant for public assistance. In addition, for cash  
3 assistance the department may disregard income pursuant to RCW  
4 74.08A.230 and 74.12.350.

5 (b) If, under applicable federal requirements, the state has the  
6 option of considering property in the form of lump sum compensatory  
7 awards or related settlements received by an applicant or recipient as  
8 income or as a resource, the department shall consider such property to  
9 be a resource.

10 (13) "Need"--The difference between the applicant's or recipient's  
11 standards of assistance for himself or herself and the dependent  
12 members of his or her family, as measured by the standards of the  
13 department, and value of all nonexempt resources and nonexempt income  
14 received by or available to the applicant or recipient and the  
15 dependent members of his or her family.

16 (14) "Authority" means the health care authority.

17 (15) "Director" means the director of the health care authority.

18 (16) For purposes of determining eligibility for public assistance  
19 and participation levels in the cost of medical care, the department  
20 shall exempt restitution payments made to people of Japanese and Aleut  
21 ancestry pursuant to the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian  
22 and Pribilof Island Restitution Act passed by congress, P.L. 100-383,  
23 including all income and resources derived therefrom.

24 ((+15+)) (17) In the construction of words and phrases used in this  
25 title, the singular number shall include the plural, the masculine  
26 gender shall include both the feminine and neuter genders and the  
27 present tense shall include the past and future tenses, unless the  
28 context thereof shall clearly indicate to the contrary.

29 **Sec. 62.** RCW 74.04.015 and 1981 1st ex.s. c 6 s 2 are each amended  
30 to read as follows:

31 (1) The secretary of social and health services shall be the  
32 responsible state officer for the administration ((of~~7~~)) and ((the))  
33 disbursement of all funds, goods, commodities, and services, which may  
34 be received by the state in connection with programs of public  
35 assistance or services related directly or indirectly to assistance  
36 programs, and all other matters included in the federal social security  
37 act ((approved August 14, 1935)) as amended, or any other federal act

1 or as the same may be amended (~~(excepting those specifically required~~  
2 ~~to be administered by other entities)) except as otherwise provided by  
3 law.~~

4 (2) The director shall be the responsible state officer for the  
5 administration and disbursement of funds that the state receives in  
6 connection with the medical services programs established under chapter  
7 74.09 RCW, including the state children's health insurance program,  
8 Titles XIX and XXI of the social security act of 1935, as amended.

9 ((He)) (3) The department and the authority, as appropriate, shall  
10 make such reports and render such accounting as may be required by  
11 ((the)) federal ((agency having authority in the premises)) law.

12 **Sec. 63.** RCW 74.04.025 and 2010 c 296 s 7 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 (1) The department, the authority, and the office of administrative  
15 hearings shall ensure that bilingual services are provided to non-  
16 English speaking applicants and recipients. The services shall be  
17 provided to the extent necessary to assure that non-English speaking  
18 persons are not denied, or unable to obtain or maintain, services or  
19 benefits because of their inability to speak English.

20 (2) If the number of non-English speaking applicants or recipients  
21 sharing the same language served by any community service office client  
22 contact job classification equals or exceeds fifty percent of the  
23 average caseload of a full-time position in such classification, the  
24 department shall, through attrition, employ bilingual personnel to  
25 serve such applicants or recipients.

26 (3) Regardless of the applicant or recipient caseload of any  
27 community service office, each community service office shall ensure  
28 that bilingual services required to supplement the community service  
29 office staff are provided through contracts with language access  
30 providers, local agencies, or other community resources.

31 (4) The department shall certify, authorize, and qualify language  
32 access providers as needed to maintain an adequate pool of providers.

33 (5) The department shall require compliance with RCW 41.56.113(2)  
34 through its contracts with third parties.

35 (6) Initial client contact materials shall inform clients in all  
36 primary languages of the availability of interpretation services for



1 non-English speaking persons. Basic informational pamphlets shall be  
2 translated into all primary languages.

3 (7) To the extent all written communications directed to applicants  
4 or recipients are not in the primary language of the applicant or  
5 recipient, the department and the office of administrative hearings  
6 shall include with the written communication a notice in all primary  
7 languages of applicants or recipients describing the significance of  
8 the communication and specifically how the applicants or recipients may  
9 receive assistance in understanding, and responding to if necessary,  
10 the written communication. The department shall assure that sufficient  
11 resources are available to assist applicants and recipients in a timely  
12 fashion with understanding, responding to, and complying with the  
13 requirements of all such written communications.

14 (8) As used in this section:

15 (a) "Language access provider" means any independent contractor who  
16 provides spoken language interpreter services for department  
17 appointments or medicaid enrollee appointments, or provided these  
18 services on or after January 1, 2009, and before June 10, 2010, whether  
19 paid by a broker, language access agency, or the department. "Language  
20 access provider" does not mean an owner, manager, or employee of a  
21 broker or a language access agency.

22 (b) "Primary languages" includes but is not limited to Spanish,  
23 Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, and Chinese.

24 **Sec. 64.** RCW 74.04.050 and 1981 1st ex.s. c 6 s 3 are each amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 (1) The department (~~((shall-serve))~~) is designated as the single  
27 state agency to administer the following public assistance(~~(.---The~~  
28 ~~department-is-hereby-empowered-and-authorized-to-cooperate-in-the~~  
29 ~~administration-of-such-federal-laws,-consistent-with-the-public~~  
30 ~~assistance-laws-of-this-state,-as-may-be-necessary-to-qualify-for~~  
31 ~~federal-funds-for:~~

- 32 ~~(1) Medical assistance;~~
- 33 ~~(2) Aid to dependent children;~~
- 34 ~~(3))~~ programs:
  - 35 (a) Temporary assistance to needy families;
  - 36 (b) Child welfare services; and

1       (~~(4)~~) (c) Any other programs of public assistance for which  
2 provision for federal grants or funds may from time to time be made,  
3 except as otherwise provided by law.

4       (2) The authority is hereby designated as the single state agency  
5 to administer the medical services programs established under chapter  
6 74.09 RCW, including the state children's health insurance program,  
7 Titles XIX and XXI of the federal social security act of 1935, as  
8 amended.

9       (3) The department and the authority are hereby empowered and  
10 authorized to cooperate in the administration of such federal laws,  
11 consistent with the public assistance laws of this state, as may be  
12 necessary to qualify for federal funds.

13       (4) The state hereby accepts and assents to all the present  
14 provisions of the federal law under which federal grants or funds,  
15 goods, commodities, and services are extended to the state for the  
16 support of programs (~~(administered by the department)~~) referenced in  
17 this section, and to such additional legislation as may subsequently be  
18 enacted as is not inconsistent with the purposes of this title,  
19 authorizing public welfare and assistance activities. The provisions  
20 of this title shall be so administered as to conform with federal  
21 requirements with respect to eligibility for the receipt of federal  
22 grants or funds.

23       (5) The department and the authority shall periodically make  
24 application for federal grants or funds and submit such plans, reports  
25 and data, as are required by any act of congress as a condition  
26 precedent to the receipt of federal funds for such assistance. The  
27 department and the authority shall make and enforce such rules and  
28 regulations as shall be necessary to insure compliance with the terms  
29 and conditions of such federal grants or funds.

30       **Sec. 65.** RCW 74.04.055 and 1991 c 126 s 2 are each amended to read  
31 as follows:

32       In furtherance of the policy of this state to cooperate with the  
33 federal government in the programs included in this title the secretary  
34 or director, as appropriate, shall issue such rules and regulations as  
35 may become necessary to entitle this state to participate in federal  
36 grants-in-aid, goods, commodities and services unless the same be  
37 expressly prohibited by this title. Any section or provision of this

1 title which may be susceptible to more than one construction shall be  
2 interpreted in favor of the construction most likely to satisfy federal  
3 laws entitling this state to receive federal matching or other funds  
4 for the various programs of public assistance. If any part of this  
5 chapter is found to be in conflict with federal requirements which are  
6 a prescribed condition to the receipts of federal funds to the state,  
7 the conflicting part of this chapter is hereby inoperative solely to  
8 the extent of the conflict with respect to the agencies directly  
9 affected, and such finding or determination shall not affect the  
10 operation of the remainder of this chapter.

11 **Sec. 66.** RCW 74.04.060 and 2006 c 259 s 5 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 (1)(a) For the protection of applicants and recipients, the  
14 department, the authority, and the county offices and their respective  
15 officers and employees are prohibited, except as hereinafter provided,  
16 from disclosing the contents of any records, files, papers and  
17 communications, except for purposes directly connected with the  
18 administration of the programs of this title. In any judicial  
19 proceeding, except such proceeding as is directly concerned with the  
20 administration of these programs, such records, files, papers and  
21 communications, and their contents, shall be deemed privileged  
22 communications and except for the right of any individual to inquire of  
23 the office whether a named individual is a recipient of welfare  
24 assistance and such person shall be entitled to an affirmative or  
25 negative answer.

26 (b) Upon written request of a parent who has been awarded  
27 visitation rights in an action for divorce or separation or any parent  
28 with legal custody of the child, the department shall disclose to him  
29 or her the last known address and location of his or her natural or  
30 adopted children. The secretary shall adopt rules which establish  
31 procedures for disclosing the address of the children and providing,  
32 when appropriate, for prior notice to the custodian of the children.  
33 The notice shall state that a request for disclosure has been received  
34 and will be complied with by the department unless the department  
35 receives a copy of a court order which enjoins the disclosure of the  
36 information or restricts or limits the requesting party's right to  
37 contact or visit the other party or the child. Information supplied to

1 a parent by the department shall be used only for purposes directly  
2 related to the enforcement of the visitation and custody provisions of  
3 the court order of separation or decree of divorce. No parent shall  
4 disclose such information to any other person except for the purpose of  
5 enforcing visitation provisions of the said order or decree.

6 (c) The department shall review methods to improve the protection  
7 and confidentiality of information for recipients of welfare assistance  
8 who have disclosed to the department that they are past or current  
9 victims of domestic violence or stalking.

10 (2) The county offices shall maintain monthly at their offices a  
11 report showing the names and addresses of all recipients in the county  
12 receiving public assistance under this title, together with the amount  
13 paid to each during the preceding month.

14 (3) The provisions of this section shall not apply to duly  
15 designated representatives of approved private welfare agencies, public  
16 officials, members of legislative interim committees and advisory  
17 committees when performing duties directly connected with the  
18 administration of this title, such as regulation and investigation  
19 directly connected therewith: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That any information  
20 so obtained by such persons or groups shall be treated with such degree  
21 of confidentiality as is required by the federal social security law.

22 (4) It shall be unlawful, except as provided in this section, for  
23 any person, body, association, firm, corporation or other agency to  
24 solicit, publish, disclose, receive, make use of, or to authorize,  
25 knowingly permit, participate in or acquiesce in the use of any lists  
26 or names for commercial or political purposes of any nature. The  
27 violation of this section shall be a gross misdemeanor.

28 **Sec. 67.** RCW 74.04.062 and 1997 c 58 s 1006 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 Upon written request of a person who has been properly identified  
31 as an officer of the law or a properly identified United States  
32 immigration official the department or authority shall disclose to such  
33 officer the current address and location of a recipient of public  
34 welfare if the officer furnishes the department or authority with such  
35 person's name and social security account number and satisfactorily  
36 demonstrates that such recipient is a fugitive, that the location or

1 apprehension of such fugitive is within the officer's official duties,  
2 and that the request is made in the proper exercise of those duties.

3 When the department or authority becomes aware that a public  
4 assistance recipient is the subject of an outstanding warrant, the  
5 department or authority may contact the appropriate law enforcement  
6 agency and, if the warrant is valid, provide the law enforcement agency  
7 with the location of the recipient.

8 **Sec. 68.** RCW 74.04.290 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 41 s 22 are each  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 In carrying out any of the provisions of this title, the secretary,  
11 the director, county administrators, hearing examiners, or other duly  
12 authorized officers of the department or authority shall have power to  
13 subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony and compel the  
14 production of such papers, books, records and documents as they may  
15 deem relevant to the performance of their duties. Subpoenas issued  
16 under this power shall be under RCW 43.20A.605.

17 **Sec. 69.** RCW 7.68.080 and 1990 c 3 s 503 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 The provisions of chapter 51.36 RCW as now or hereafter amended  
20 govern the provision of medical aid under this chapter to victims  
21 injured as a result of a criminal act, including criminal acts  
22 committed between July 1, 1981, and January 1, 1983, except that:

23 (1) The provisions contained in RCW 51.36.030, 51.36.040, and  
24 51.36.080 as now or hereafter amended do not apply to this chapter;

25 (2) The specific provisions of RCW 51.36.020 as now or hereafter  
26 amended relating to supplying emergency transportation do not apply:  
27 PROVIDED, That:

28 (a) When the injury to any victim is so serious as to require the  
29 victim's being taken from the place of injury to a place of treatment,  
30 reasonable transportation costs to the nearest place of proper  
31 treatment shall be reimbursed from the fund established pursuant to RCW  
32 7.68.090; and

33 (b) In the case of alleged rape or molestation of a child the  
34 reasonable costs of a colposcope examination shall be reimbursed from  
35 the fund pursuant to RCW 7.68.090. Hospital, clinic, and medical  
36 charges along with all related fees under this chapter shall conform to

1 regulations promulgated by the director. The director shall set these  
2 service levels and fees at a level no lower than those established by  
3 the (~~department of social and health services~~) health care authority  
4 under Title 74 RCW. In establishing fees for medical and other health  
5 care services, the director shall consider the director's duty to  
6 purchase health care in a prudent, cost-effective manner. The director  
7 shall establish rules adopted in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW.  
8 Nothing in this chapter may be construed to require the payment of  
9 interest on any billing, fee, or charge.

10 **Sec. 70.** RCW 43.41.160 and 1986 c 303 s 11 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (1) It is the purpose of this section to ensure implementation and  
13 coordination of chapter 70.14 RCW as well as other legislative and  
14 executive policies designed to contain the cost of health care that is  
15 purchased or provided by the state. In order to achieve that purpose,  
16 the director may:

17 (a) Establish within the (~~office of financial management~~) health  
18 care authority a health care cost containment program in cooperation  
19 with all state agencies;

20 (b) Implement lawful health care cost containment policies that  
21 have been adopted by the legislature or the governor, including  
22 appropriation provisos;

23 (c) Coordinate the activities of all state agencies with respect to  
24 health care cost containment policies;

25 (d) Study and make recommendations on health care cost containment  
26 policies;

27 (e) Monitor and report on the implementation of health care cost  
28 containment policies;

29 (f) Appoint a health care cost containment technical advisory  
30 committee that represents state agencies that are involved in the  
31 direct purchase, funding, or provision of health care; and

32 (g) Engage in other activities necessary to achieve the purposes of  
33 this section.

34 (2) All state agencies shall cooperate with the director in  
35 carrying out the purpose of this section.

1       **Sec. 71.** RCW 43.41.260 and 2009 c 479 s 28 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       The health care authority(~~(7)~~) and the office of financial  
4 management(~~(7, and the department of social and health services)~~) shall  
5 together monitor the enrollee level in the basic health plan and the  
6 medicaid caseload of children. The office of financial management  
7 shall adjust the funding levels by interagency reimbursement of funds  
8 between the basic health plan and medicaid and adjust the funding  
9 levels (~~(between)~~) for the health care authority (~~(and the medical  
10 assistance administration of the department of social and health  
11 services)~~) to maximize combined enrollment.

12       **Sec. 72.** RCW 43.70.670 and 2007 c 259 s 38 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14       (1) "Human immunodeficiency virus insurance program," as used in  
15 this section, means a program that provides health insurance coverage  
16 for individuals with human immunodeficiency virus, as defined in RCW  
17 70.24.017(7), who are not eligible for medical assistance programs from  
18 the (~~(department of social and health services)~~) health care authority  
19 as defined in RCW 74.09.010(~~(+8)~~) (10) and meet eligibility  
20 requirements established by the department of health.

21       (2) The department of health may pay for health insurance coverage  
22 on behalf of persons with human immunodeficiency virus, who meet  
23 department eligibility requirements, and who are eligible for  
24 "continuation coverage" as provided by the federal consolidated omnibus  
25 budget reconciliation act of 1985, group health insurance policies, or  
26 individual policies.

27       **Sec. 73.** RCW 47.06B.020 and 2011 c 60 s 45 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29       (1) The agency council on coordinated transportation is created.  
30 The purpose of the council is to advance and improve accessibility to  
31 and coordination of special needs transportation services statewide.  
32 The council is composed of fourteen voting members and four nonvoting,  
33 legislative members.

34       (2) The fourteen voting members are the superintendent of public  
35 instruction or a designee, the secretary of transportation or a

1 designee, the (~~secretary of the department of social and health~~  
2 ~~services~~) director of the health care authority or a designee, and  
3 eleven members appointed by the governor as follows:

4 (a) One representative from the office of the governor;

5 (b) Three persons who are consumers of special needs transportation  
6 services, which must include:

7 (i) One person designated by the executive director of the  
8 governor's committee on disability issues and employment; and

9 (ii) One person who is designated by the executive director of the  
10 developmental disabilities council;

11 (c) One representative from the Washington association of pupil  
12 transportation;

13 (d) One representative from the Washington state transit  
14 association;

15 (e) One of the following:

16 (i) A representative from the community transportation association  
17 of the Northwest; or

18 (ii) A representative from the community action council  
19 association;

20 (f) One person who represents regional transportation planning  
21 organizations and metropolitan planning organizations;

22 (g) One representative of brokers who provide nonemergency,  
23 medically necessary trips to persons with special transportation needs  
24 under the medicaid program administered by the (~~department of social~~  
25 ~~and health services~~) health care authority;

26 (h) One representative from the Washington state department of  
27 veterans affairs; and

28 (i) One representative of the state association of counties.

29 (3) The four nonvoting members are legislators as follows:

30 (a) Two members from the house of representatives, one from each of  
31 the two largest caucuses, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
32 representatives, including at least one member from the house  
33 transportation policy and budget committee or the house appropriations  
34 committee; and

35 (b) Two members from the senate, one from each of the two largest  
36 caucuses, appointed by the president of the senate, including at least  
37 one member from the senate transportation committee or the senate ways  
38 and means committee.



1 (4) Gubernatorial appointees of the council will serve two-year  
2 terms. Members may not receive compensation for their service on the  
3 council, but will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses  
4 incurred in performing their duties as members as set forth in RCW  
5 43.03.220.

6 (5) The council shall vote on an annual basis to elect one of its  
7 voting members to serve as chair. The position of chair must rotate  
8 among the represented agencies, associations, and interest groups at  
9 least every two years. If the position of chair is vacated for any  
10 reason, the secretary of transportation or the secretary's designee  
11 shall serve as acting chair until the next regular meeting of the  
12 council, at which time the members will elect a chair.

13 (6) The council shall periodically assess its membership to ensure  
14 that there exists a balanced representation of persons with special  
15 transportation needs and providers of special transportation needs  
16 services. Recommendations for modifying the membership of the council  
17 must be included in the council's biennial report to the legislature as  
18 provided in RCW 47.06B.050.

19 (7) The department of transportation shall provide necessary staff  
20 support for the council.

21 (8) The council may receive gifts, grants, or endowments from  
22 public or private sources that are made from time to time, in trust or  
23 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the council and  
24 spend gifts, grants, or endowments or income from the public or private  
25 sources according to their terms, unless the receipt of the gifts,  
26 grants, or endowments violates RCW 42.17A.560.

27 (9) The meetings of the council must be open to the public, with  
28 the agenda published in advance, and minutes kept and made available to  
29 the public. The public notice of the meetings must indicate that  
30 accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made available  
31 upon request.

32 (10) All meetings of the council must be held in locations that are  
33 readily accessible to public transportation, and must be scheduled for  
34 times when public transportation is available.

35 (11) The council shall make an effort to include presentations by  
36 and work sessions including persons with special transportation needs.

1           **Sec. 74.** RCW 47.06B.060 and 2009 c 515 s 1 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3           (1) In 2007, the legislature directed the joint transportation  
4 committee to conduct a study of special needs transportation to examine  
5 and evaluate the effectiveness of special needs transportation in the  
6 state. A particular goal of the study was to explore opportunities to  
7 enhance coordination of special needs transportation programs to ensure  
8 that they are delivered efficiently and result in improved access and  
9 increased mobility options for their clients. It is the intent of the  
10 legislature to further consider some of the recommendations, and to  
11 implement many of these recommendations in the form of two pilot  
12 projects that will test the potential for applying these  
13 recommendations statewide in the future.

14           (2) The legislature is aware that the department of social and  
15 health services submitted an application in December of 2008 to the  
16 federal centers for medicare and medicaid services, seeking approval to  
17 use the medical match system, a federal funding system that has  
18 different requirements from the federal administrative match system  
19 currently used by the department. It is the intent of the legislature  
20 to advance the goals of chapter 515, Laws of 2009 and the  
21 recommendations of the study identified in subsection (1) of this  
22 section without jeopardizing the application made by the department.

23           (3) By August 15, 2009, the agency council on coordinated  
24 transportation shall appoint a work group for the purpose of  
25 identifying relevant federal requirements related to special needs  
26 transportation, and identifying solutions to streamline the  
27 requirements and increase efficiencies in transportation services  
28 provided for persons with special transportation needs. To advance its  
29 purpose, the work group shall work with relevant federal  
30 representatives and agencies to identify and address various challenges  
31 and barriers.

32           (4) Membership of the work group must include, but not be limited  
33 to, one or more representatives from:

34           (a) The departments of transportation, veterans affairs, health,  
35 and (~~social and health services~~) the health care authority;

36           (b) Medicaid nonemergency medical transportation brokers;

37           (c) Public transit agencies;

1 (d) Regional and metropolitan transportation planning  
2 organizations, including a representative of the regional  
3 transportation planning organization or organizations that provide  
4 staff support to the local coordinating coalition established under RCW  
5 47.06B.070;

6 (e) Indian tribes;

7 (f) The agency council on coordinated transportation;

8 (g) The local coordinating coalitions established under RCW  
9 47.06B.070; and

10 (h) The office of the superintendent of public instruction.

11 (5) The work group shall elect one or more of its members to  
12 service as chair or cochairs.

13 (6) The work group shall immediately contact representatives of the  
14 federal congressional delegation for Washington state and the relevant  
15 federal agencies and coordinating authorities including, but not  
16 limited to, the federal transit administration, the United States  
17 department of health and human services, and the interagency  
18 transportation coordinating council on access and mobility, and invite  
19 the federal representatives to work collaboratively to:

20 (a) Identify transportation definitions and terminology used in the  
21 various relevant state and federal programs, and establish consistent  
22 transportation definitions and terminology. For purposes of this  
23 subsection, relevant state definitions exclude terminology that  
24 requires a medical determination, including whether a trip or service  
25 is medically necessary;

26 (b) Identify restrictions or barriers that preclude federal, state,  
27 and local agencies from sharing client lists or other client  
28 information, and make progress towards removing any restrictions or  
29 barriers;

30 (c) Identify relevant state and federal performance and cost  
31 reporting systems and requirements, and work towards establishing  
32 consistent and uniform performance and cost reporting systems and  
33 requirements; and

34 (d) Explore, subject to federal approval, opportunities to test  
35 cost allocation models, including the pilot projects established in RCW  
36 47.06B.080, that:

37 (i) Allow for cost sharing among public paratransit and medicaid  
38 nonemergency medical trips; and

1 (ii) Capture the value of medicaid trips provided by public transit  
2 agencies for which they are not currently reimbursed with a funding  
3 match by federal medicaid dollars.

4 (7) By December 1, 2009, the work group shall submit a report to  
5 the joint transportation committee that explains the progress made  
6 towards the goals of this section and identifies any necessary  
7 legislative action that must be taken to implement all the provisions  
8 of this section. A second progress report must be submitted to the  
9 joint transportation committee by June 1, 2010, and a final report must  
10 be submitted to the joint transportation committee by December 1, 2010.

11 **Sec. 75.** RCW 47.06B.070 and 2009 c 515 s 9 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1) A local coordinating coalition is created in each nonemergency  
14 medical transportation brokerage region, as designated by the  
15 (~~department of social and health services~~) health care authority,  
16 that encompasses:

17 (a) A single county that has a population of more than seven  
18 hundred fifty thousand but less than one million; and

19 (b) Five counties, and is comprised of at least one county that has  
20 a population of more than four hundred thousand.

21 (2) The purpose of a local coordinating coalition is to advance  
22 local efforts to coordinate and maximize efficiencies in special needs  
23 transportation programs and services, contributing to the overall  
24 objectives and goals of the agency council on coordinated  
25 transportation. The local coordinating coalition shall serve in an  
26 advisory capacity to the agency council on coordinated transportation  
27 by providing the council with a focused and ongoing assessment of the  
28 special transportation needs and services provided within its region.

29 (3) The composition and size of each local coordinating coalition  
30 may vary by region. Local coordinating coalition members, appointed by  
31 the chair of the agency council on coordinated transportation to two-  
32 year terms, must reflect a balanced representation of the region's  
33 providers of special needs transportation services and must include:

34 (a) Members of existing local coordinating coalitions, with  
35 approval by those members;

36 (b) One or more representatives of the public transit agency or  
37 agencies serving the region;

- 1 (c) One or more representatives of private service providers;
- 2 (d) A representative of civic or community-based service providers;
- 3 (e) A consumer of special needs transportation services;
- 4 (f) A representative of nonemergency medical transportation
- 5 medicaid brokers;
- 6 (g) A representative of social and human service programs;
- 7 (h) A representative of local high school districts; and
- 8 (i) A representative from the Washington state department of
- 9 veterans affairs.

10 (4) Each coalition shall vote on an annual basis to elect one of  
11 its members to serve as chair. The position of chair must rotate among  
12 the represented members at least every two years. If the position of  
13 chair is vacated for any reason, the member representing the regional  
14 transportation planning organization described in subsection (6) of  
15 this section shall serve as acting chair until the next regular meeting  
16 of the coalition, at which time the members will elect a chair.

17 (5) Regular meetings of the local coordinating coalition may be  
18 convened at the call of the chair or by a majority of the members.  
19 Meetings must be open to the public, and held in locations that are  
20 readily accessible to public transportation.

21 (6) The regional transportation planning organization, as described  
22 in chapter 47.80 RCW, serving the region in which the local  
23 coordinating coalition is created shall provide necessary staff support  
24 for the local coordinating coalition. In regions served by more than  
25 one regional transportation planning organization, unless otherwise  
26 agreed to by the relevant planning organizations, the regional  
27 transportation planning organization serving the largest population  
28 within the region shall provide the necessary staff support.

29 **Sec. 76.** RCW 48.01.235 and 2003 c 248 s 2 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 (1) An issuer and an employee welfare benefit plan, whether insured  
32 or self funded, as defined in the employee retirement income security  
33 act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 1101 et seq. may not deny enrollment of a  
34 child under the health plan of the child's parent on the grounds that:

- 35 (a) The child was born out of wedlock;
- 36 (b) The child is not claimed as a dependent on the parent's federal
- 37 tax return; or

1 (c) The child does not reside with the parent or in the issuer's,  
2 or insured or self funded employee welfare benefit plan's service area.

3 (2) Where a child has health coverage through an issuer, or an  
4 insured or self funded employee welfare benefit plan of a noncustodial  
5 parent, the issuer, or insured or self funded employee welfare benefit  
6 plan, shall:

7 (a) Provide such information to the custodial parent as may be  
8 necessary for the child to obtain benefits through that coverage;

9 (b) Permit the provider or the custodial parent to submit claims  
10 for covered services without the approval of the noncustodial parent.  
11 If the provider submits the claim, the provider will obtain the  
12 custodial parent's assignment of insurance benefits or otherwise secure  
13 the custodial parent's approval.

14 For purposes of this subsection the (~~department of social and~~  
15 ~~health services~~) health care authority as the state medicaid agency  
16 under RCW 74.09.500 may reassign medical insurance rights to the  
17 provider for custodial parents whose children are eligible for services  
18 under RCW 74.09.500; and

19 (c) Make payments on claims submitted in accordance with (b) of  
20 this subsection directly to the custodial parent, to the provider, or  
21 to the (~~department of social and health services~~) health care  
22 authority as the state medicaid agency under RCW 74.09.500.

23 (3) Where a child does not reside in the issuer's service area, an  
24 issuer shall cover no less than urgent and emergent care. Where the  
25 issuer offers broader coverage, whether by policy or reciprocal  
26 agreement, the issuer shall provide such coverage to any child  
27 otherwise covered that does not reside in the issuer's service area.

28 (4) Where a parent is required by a court order to provide health  
29 coverage for a child, and the parent is eligible for family health  
30 coverage, the issuer, or insured or self funded employee welfare  
31 benefit plan, shall:

32 (a) Permit the parent to enroll, under the family coverage, a child  
33 who is otherwise eligible for the coverage without regard to any  
34 enrollment season restrictions;

35 (b) Enroll the child under family coverage upon application of the  
36 child's other parent, (~~department of social and health services~~)  
37 health care authority as the state medicaid agency under RCW 74.09.500,

1 or child support enforcement program, if the parent is enrolled but  
2 fails to make application to obtain coverage for such child; and

3 (c) Not disenroll, or eliminate coverage of, such child who is  
4 otherwise eligible for the coverage unless the issuer or insured or  
5 self funded employee welfare benefit plan is provided satisfactory  
6 written evidence that:

7 (i) The court order is no longer in effect; or

8 (ii) The child is or will be enrolled in comparable health coverage  
9 through another issuer, or insured or self funded employee welfare  
10 benefit plan, which will take effect not later than the effective date  
11 of disenrollment.

12 (5) An issuer, or insured or self funded employee welfare benefit  
13 plan, that has been assigned the rights of an individual eligible for  
14 medical assistance under medicaid and coverage for health benefits from  
15 the issuer, or insured or self funded employee welfare benefit plan,  
16 may not impose requirements on the (~~department of social and health~~  
17 ~~services~~) health care authority that are different from requirements  
18 applicable to an agent or assignee of any other individual so covered.

19 **Sec. 77.** RCW 48.43.008 and 2007 c 259 s 24 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 When the (~~department of social and health services~~) health care  
22 authority determines that it is cost-effective to enroll a person  
23 eligible for medical assistance under chapter 74.09 RCW in an  
24 employer-sponsored health plan, a carrier shall permit the enrollment  
25 of the person in the health plan for which he or she is otherwise  
26 eligible without regard to any open enrollment period restrictions.

27 **Sec. 78.** RCW 48.43.517 and 2007 c 5 s 7 are each amended to read  
28 as follows:

29 When the (~~department of social and health services~~) health care  
30 authority has determined that it is cost-effective to enroll a child  
31 participating in a medical assistance program under chapter 74.09 RCW  
32 in an employer-sponsored health plan, the carrier shall permit the  
33 enrollment of the participant who is otherwise eligible for coverage in  
34 the health plan without regard to any open enrollment restrictions.  
35 The request for special enrollment shall be made by the (~~department~~)

1 authority or participant within sixty days of the (~~department's~~)  
2 authority's determination that the enrollment would be cost-effective.

3 **Sec. 79.** RCW 69.41.030 and 2010 c 83 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, deliver, or  
6 possess any legend drug except upon the order or prescription of a  
7 physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician and surgeon  
8 under chapter 18.57 RCW, an optometrist licensed under chapter 18.53  
9 RCW who is certified by the optometry board under RCW 18.53.010, a  
10 dentist under chapter 18.32 RCW, a podiatric physician and surgeon  
11 under chapter 18.22 RCW, a veterinarian under chapter 18.92 RCW, a  
12 commissioned medical or dental officer in the United States armed  
13 forces or public health service in the discharge of his or her official  
14 duties, a duly licensed physician or dentist employed by the veterans  
15 administration in the discharge of his or her official duties, a  
16 registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner under  
17 chapter 18.79 RCW when authorized by the nursing care quality assurance  
18 commission, an osteopathic physician assistant under chapter 18.57A RCW  
19 when authorized by the board of osteopathic medicine and surgery, a  
20 physician assistant under chapter 18.71A RCW when authorized by the  
21 medical quality assurance commission, or any of the following  
22 professionals in any province of Canada that shares a common border  
23 with the state of Washington or in any state of the United States: A  
24 physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a physician  
25 licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, a dentist  
26 licensed to practice dentistry, a podiatric physician and surgeon  
27 licensed to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, a licensed  
28 advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a veterinarian licensed to  
29 practice veterinary medicine: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the above  
30 provisions shall not apply to sale, delivery, or possession by drug  
31 wholesalers or drug manufacturers, or their agents or employees, or to  
32 any practitioner acting within the scope of his or her license, or to  
33 a common or contract carrier or warehouseman, or any employee thereof,  
34 whose possession of any legend drug is in the usual course of business  
35 or employment: PROVIDED FURTHER, That nothing in this chapter or  
36 chapter 18.64 RCW shall prevent a family planning clinic that is under  
37 contract with the (~~department of social and health services~~) health



1 care authority from selling, delivering, possessing, and dispensing  
2 commercially prepackaged oral contraceptives prescribed by authorized,  
3 licensed health care practitioners.

4 (2)(a) A violation of this section involving the sale, delivery, or  
5 possession with intent to sell or deliver is a class B felony  
6 punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.

7 (b) A violation of this section involving possession is a  
8 misdemeanor.

9 **Sec. 80.** RCW 69.41.190 and 2009 c 575 s 1 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, any  
12 pharmacist filling a prescription under a state purchased health care  
13 program as defined in RCW 41.05.011(2) shall substitute, where  
14 identified, a preferred drug for any nonpreferred drug in a given  
15 therapeutic class, unless the endorsing practitioner has indicated on  
16 the prescription that the nonpreferred drug must be dispensed as  
17 written, or the prescription is for a refill of an antipsychotic,  
18 antidepressant, antiepileptic, chemotherapy, antiretroviral, or  
19 immunosuppressive drug, or for the refill of a  
20 immunomodulator/antiviral treatment for hepatitis C for which an  
21 established, fixed duration of therapy is prescribed for at least  
22 twenty-four weeks but no more than forty-eight weeks, in which case the  
23 pharmacist shall dispense the prescribed nonpreferred drug.

24 (b) When a substitution is made under (a) of this subsection, the  
25 dispensing pharmacist shall notify the prescribing practitioner of the  
26 specific drug and dose dispensed.

27 (2)(a) A state purchased health care program may impose limited  
28 restrictions on an endorsing practitioner's authority to write a  
29 prescription to dispense as written only under the following  
30 circumstances:

31 (i) There is statistical or clear data demonstrating the endorsing  
32 practitioner's frequency of prescribing dispensed as written for  
33 nonpreferred drugs varies significantly from the prescribing patterns  
34 of his or her peers;

35 (ii) The medical director of a state purchased health program has:  
36 (A) Presented the endorsing practitioner with data that indicates the  
37 endorsing practitioner's prescribing patterns vary significantly from

1 his or her peers, (B) provided the endorsing practitioner an  
2 opportunity to explain the variation in his or her prescribing patterns  
3 to those of his or her peers, and (C) if the variation in prescribing  
4 patterns cannot be explained, provided the endorsing practitioner  
5 sufficient time to change his or her prescribing patterns to align with  
6 those of his or her peers; and

7 (iii) The restrictions imposed under (a) of this subsection (2)  
8 must be limited to the extent possible to reduce variation in  
9 prescribing patterns and shall remain in effect only until such time as  
10 the endorsing practitioner can demonstrate a reduction in variation in  
11 line with his or her peers.

12 (b) A state purchased health care program may immediately designate  
13 an available, less expensive, equally effective generic product in a  
14 previously reviewed drug class as a preferred drug, without first  
15 submitting the product to review by the pharmacy and therapeutics  
16 committee established pursuant to RCW 70.14.050.

17 (c) For a patient's first course of treatment within a therapeutic  
18 class of drugs, a state purchased health care program may impose  
19 limited restrictions on endorsing practitioners' authority to write a  
20 prescription to dispense as written, only under the following  
21 circumstances:

22 (i) There is a less expensive, equally effective therapeutic  
23 alternative generic product available to treat the condition;

24 (ii) The drug use review board established under WAC 388-530-4000  
25 reviews and provides recommendations as to the appropriateness of the  
26 limitation;

27 (iii) Notwithstanding the limitation set forth in (c)(ii) of this  
28 subsection (2), the endorsing practitioner shall have an opportunity to  
29 request as medically necessary, that the brand name drug be prescribed  
30 as the first course of treatment;

31 (iv) The state purchased health care program may provide, where  
32 available, prescription, emergency room, diagnosis, and hospitalization  
33 history with the endorsing practitioner; and

34 (v) Specifically for antipsychotic restrictions, the state  
35 purchased health care program shall effectively guide good practice  
36 without interfering with the timeliness of clinical decision making.

37 (~~Department of social and health services~~) Health care authority

1 prior authorization programs must provide for responses within  
2 twenty-four hours and at least a seventy-two hour emergency supply of  
3 the requested drug.

4 (d) If, within a therapeutic class, there is an equally effective  
5 therapeutic alternative over-the-counter drug available, a state  
6 purchased health care program may designate the over-the-counter drug  
7 as the preferred drug.

8 (e) A state purchased health care program may impose limited  
9 restrictions on endorsing practitioners' authority to prescribe  
10 pharmaceuticals to be dispensed as written for a purpose outside the  
11 scope of their approved labels only under the following circumstances:

12 (i) There is a less expensive, equally effective on-label product  
13 available to treat the condition;

14 (ii) The drug use review board established under WAC 388-530-4000  
15 reviews and provides recommendations as to the appropriateness of the  
16 limitation; and

17 (iii) Notwithstanding the limitation set forth in (e)(ii) of this  
18 subsection (2), the endorsing practitioner shall have an opportunity to  
19 request as medically necessary, that the drug be prescribed for a  
20 covered off-label purpose.

21 (f) The provisions of this subsection related to the definition of  
22 medically necessary, prior authorization procedures and patient appeal  
23 rights shall be implemented in a manner consistent with applicable  
24 federal and state law.

25 (3) Notwithstanding the limitations in subsection (2) of this  
26 section, for refills for an antipsychotic, antidepressant,  
27 antiepileptic, chemotherapy, antiretroviral, or immunosuppressive drug,  
28 or for the refill of an immunomodulator antiviral treatment for  
29 hepatitis C for which an established, fixed duration of therapy is  
30 prescribed for at least twenty-four weeks by no more than forty-eight  
31 weeks, the pharmacist shall dispense the prescribed nonpreferred drug.

32 **Sec. 81.** RCW 70.01.010 and 2011 c 27 s 3 are each amended to read  
33 as follows:

34 In furtherance of the policy of this state to cooperate with the  
35 federal government in the public health programs, the department of  
36 health (~~and~~), the state board of health, and the health care  
37 authority shall adopt such rules as may become necessary to entitle

1 this state to participate in federal funds unless expressly prohibited  
2 by law. Any section or provision of the public health laws of this  
3 state which may be susceptible to more than one construction shall be  
4 interpreted in favor of the construction most likely to satisfy federal  
5 laws entitling this state to receive federal funds for the various  
6 programs of public health.

7 **Sec. 82.** RCW 70.47.010 and 2009 c 568 s 1 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1)(a) The legislature finds that limitations on access to health  
10 care services for enrollees in the state, such as in rural and  
11 underserved areas, are particularly challenging for the basic health  
12 plan. Statutory restrictions have reduced the options available to the  
13 (~~administrator~~) director to address the access needs of basic health  
14 plan enrollees. It is the intent of the legislature to authorize the  
15 (~~administrator~~) director to develop alternative purchasing strategies  
16 to ensure access to basic health plan enrollees in all areas of the  
17 state, including: (i) The use of differential rating for managed  
18 health care systems based on geographic differences in costs; and (ii)  
19 limited use of self-insurance in areas where adequate access cannot be  
20 assured through other options.

21 (b) In developing alternative purchasing strategies to address  
22 health care access needs, the (~~administrator~~) director shall consult  
23 with interested persons including health carriers, health care  
24 providers, and health facilities, and with other appropriate state  
25 agencies including the office of the insurance commissioner and the  
26 office of community and rural health. In pursuing such alternatives,  
27 the (~~administrator~~) director shall continue to give priority to  
28 prepaid managed care as the preferred method of assuring access to  
29 basic health plan enrollees followed, in priority order, by preferred  
30 providers, fee for service, and self-funding.

31 (2) The legislature further finds that:

32 (a) A significant percentage of the population of this state does  
33 not have reasonably available insurance or other coverage of the costs  
34 of necessary basic health care services;

35 (b) This lack of basic health care coverage is detrimental to the  
36 health of the individuals lacking coverage and to the public welfare,

1 and results in substantial expenditures for emergency and remedial  
2 health care, often at the expense of health care providers, health care  
3 facilities, and all purchasers of health care, including the state; and

4 (c) The use of managed health care systems has significant  
5 potential to reduce the growth of health care costs incurred by the  
6 people of this state generally, and by low-income pregnant women, and  
7 at-risk children and adolescents who need greater access to managed  
8 health care.

9 (3) The purpose of this chapter is to provide or make more readily  
10 available necessary basic health care services in an appropriate  
11 setting to working persons and others who lack coverage, at a cost to  
12 these persons that does not create barriers to the utilization of  
13 necessary health care services. To that end, this chapter establishes  
14 a program to be made available to those residents not eligible for  
15 medicare who share in a portion of the cost or who pay the full cost of  
16 receiving basic health care services from a managed health care system.

17 (4) It is not the intent of this chapter to provide health care  
18 services for those persons who are presently covered through private  
19 employer-based health plans, nor to replace employer-based health  
20 plans. However, the legislature recognizes that cost-effective and  
21 affordable health plans may not always be available to small business  
22 employers. Further, it is the intent of the legislature to expand,  
23 wherever possible, the availability of private health care coverage and  
24 to discourage the decline of employer-based coverage.

25 (5)(a) It is the purpose of this chapter to acknowledge the initial  
26 success of this program that has (i) assisted thousands of families in  
27 their search for affordable health care; (ii) demonstrated that low-  
28 income, uninsured families are willing to pay for their own health care  
29 coverage to the extent of their ability to pay; and (iii) proved that  
30 local health care providers are willing to enter into a public-private  
31 partnership as a managed care system.

32 (b) As a consequence, the legislature intends to extend an option  
33 to enroll to certain citizens above two hundred percent of the federal  
34 poverty guidelines within the state who reside in communities where the  
35 plan is operational and who collectively or individually wish to  
36 exercise the opportunity to purchase health care coverage through the  
37 basic health plan if the purchase is done at no cost to the state. It  
38 is also the intent of the legislature to allow employers and other

1 financial sponsors to financially assist such individuals to purchase  
2 health care through the program so long as such purchase does not  
3 result in a lower standard of coverage for employees.

4 (c) The legislature intends that, to the extent of available funds,  
5 the program be available throughout Washington state to subsidized and  
6 nonsubsidized enrollees. It is also the intent of the legislature to  
7 enroll subsidized enrollees first, to the maximum extent feasible.

8 (d) The legislature directs that the basic health plan  
9 (~~administrator~~) director identify enrollees who are likely to be  
10 eligible for medical assistance and assist these individuals in  
11 applying for and receiving medical assistance. (~~The administrator and~~  
12 ~~the department of social and health services shall implement a seamless~~  
13 ~~system to coordinate eligibility determinations and benefit coverage~~  
14 ~~for enrollees of the basic health plan and medical assistance~~  
15 ~~recipients.)) Enrollees receiving medical assistance are not eligible  
16 for the Washington basic health plan.~~

17 **Sec. 83.** RCW 70.47.020 and 2011 c 205 s 1 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 As used in this chapter:

20 (1) (~~"Administrator" means the Washington basic health plan~~  
21 ~~administrator, who also holds the position of administrator~~)  
22 "Director" means the director of the Washington state health care  
23 authority.

24 (2) "Health coverage tax credit eligible enrollee" means individual  
25 workers and their qualified family members who lose their jobs due to  
26 the effects of international trade and are eligible for certain trade  
27 adjustment assistance benefits; or are eligible for benefits under the  
28 alternative trade adjustment assistance program; or are people who  
29 receive benefits from the pension benefit guaranty corporation and are  
30 at least fifty-five years old.

31 (3) "Health coverage tax credit program" means the program created  
32 by the Trade Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-210) that provides a federal tax  
33 credit that subsidizes private health insurance coverage for displaced  
34 workers certified to receive certain trade adjustment assistance  
35 benefits and for individuals receiving benefits from the pension  
36 benefit guaranty corporation.

1 (4) "Managed health care system" means: (a) Any health care  
2 organization, including health care providers, insurers, health care  
3 service contractors, health maintenance organizations, or any  
4 combination thereof, that provides directly or by contract basic health  
5 care services, as defined by the (~~administrator~~) director and  
6 rendered by duly licensed providers, to a defined patient population  
7 enrolled in the plan and in the managed health care system; or (b) a  
8 self-funded or self-insured method of providing insurance coverage to  
9 subsidized enrollees provided under RCW 41.05.140 and subject to the  
10 limitations under RCW 70.47.100(7).

11 (5) "Nonsubsidized enrollee" means an individual, or an individual  
12 plus the individual's spouse or dependent children: (a) Who is not  
13 eligible for medicare; (b) who is not confined or residing in a  
14 government-operated institution, unless he or she meets eligibility  
15 criteria adopted by the (~~administrator~~) director; (c) who is accepted  
16 for enrollment by the (~~administrator~~) director as provided in RCW  
17 48.43.018, either because the potential enrollee cannot be required to  
18 complete the standard health questionnaire under RCW 48.43.018, or,  
19 based upon the results of the standard health questionnaire, the  
20 potential enrollee would not qualify for coverage under the Washington  
21 state health insurance pool; (d) who resides in an area of the state  
22 served by a managed health care system participating in the plan; (e)  
23 who chooses to obtain basic health care coverage from a particular  
24 managed health care system; and (f) who pays or on whose behalf is paid  
25 the full costs for participation in the plan, without any subsidy from  
26 the plan.

27 (6) "Premium" means a periodic payment, which an individual, their  
28 employer or another financial sponsor makes to the plan as  
29 consideration for enrollment in the plan as a subsidized enrollee, a  
30 nonsubsidized enrollee, or a health coverage tax credit eligible  
31 enrollee.

32 (7) "Rate" means the amount, negotiated by the (~~administrator~~)  
33 director with and paid to a participating managed health care system,  
34 that is based upon the enrollment of subsidized, nonsubsidized, and  
35 health coverage tax credit eligible enrollees in the plan and in that  
36 system.

37 (8) "Subsidy" means the difference between the amount of periodic  
38 payment the (~~administrator~~) director makes to a managed health care

1 system on behalf of a subsidized enrollee plus the administrative cost  
2 to the plan of providing the plan to that subsidized enrollee, and the  
3 amount determined to be the subsidized enrollee's responsibility under  
4 RCW 70.47.060(2).

5 (9) "Subsidized enrollee" means:

6 (a) An individual, or an individual plus the individual's spouse or  
7 dependent children:

8 (i) Who is not eligible for medicare;

9 (ii) Who is not confined or residing in a government-operated  
10 institution, unless he or she meets eligibility criteria adopted by the  
11 (~~administrator~~) director;

12 (iii) Who is not a full-time student who has received a temporary  
13 visa to study in the United States;

14 (iv) Who resides in an area of the state served by a managed health  
15 care system participating in the plan;

16 (v) Until March 1, 2011, whose gross family income at the time of  
17 enrollment does not exceed two hundred percent of the federal poverty  
18 level as adjusted for family size and determined annually by the  
19 federal department of health and human services;

20 (vi) Who chooses to obtain basic health care coverage from a  
21 particular managed health care system in return for periodic payments  
22 to the plan;

23 (vii) Who is not receiving medical assistance administered by the  
24 (~~department of social and health services~~) authority; and

25 (viii) After February 28, 2011, who is in the basic health  
26 transition eligibles population under 1115 medicaid demonstration  
27 project number 11-W-00254/10;

28 (b) An individual who meets the requirements in (a)(i) through  
29 (iv), (vi), and (vii) of this subsection and who is a foster parent  
30 licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW and whose gross family income at the  
31 time of enrollment does not exceed three hundred percent of the federal  
32 poverty level as adjusted for family size and determined annually by  
33 the federal department of health and human services; and

34 (c) To the extent that state funds are specifically appropriated  
35 for this purpose, with a corresponding federal match, an individual, or  
36 an individual's spouse or dependent children, who meets the  
37 requirements in (a)(i) through (iv), (vi), and (vii) of this subsection  
38 and whose gross family income at the time of enrollment is more than



1 two hundred percent, but less than two hundred fifty-one percent, of  
2 the federal poverty level as adjusted for family size and determined  
3 annually by the federal department of health and human services.

4 (10) "Washington basic health plan" or "plan" means the system of  
5 enrollment and payment for basic health care services, administered by  
6 the plan (~~(administrator)~~) director through participating managed  
7 health care systems, created by this chapter.

8 **Sec. 84.** RCW 70.47.110 and 1991 sp.s. c 4 s 3 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 The (~~department of social and health services~~) health care  
11 authority may make payments to (~~the administrator or to~~)  
12 participating managed health care systems on behalf of any enrollee who  
13 is a recipient of medical care under chapter 74.09 RCW, at the maximum  
14 rate allowable for federal matching purposes under Title XIX of the  
15 social security act. Any enrollee on whose behalf the (~~department of~~  
16 ~~social and health services~~) health care authority makes such payments  
17 may continue as an enrollee, making premium payments based on the  
18 enrollee's own income as determined under the sliding scale, after  
19 eligibility for coverage under chapter 74.09 RCW has ended, as long as  
20 the enrollee remains eligible under this chapter. Nothing in this  
21 section affects the right of any person eligible for coverage under  
22 chapter 74.09 RCW to receive the services offered to other persons  
23 under that chapter but not included in the schedule of basic health  
24 care services covered by the plan. The (~~administrator~~) director  
25 shall seek to determine which enrollees or prospective enrollees may be  
26 eligible for medical care under chapter 74.09 RCW and may require these  
27 individuals to complete the eligibility determination process under  
28 chapter 74.09 RCW prior to enrollment or continued participation in the  
29 plan. The (~~administrator and the department of social and health~~  
30 ~~services~~) director shall (~~cooperatively~~) adopt procedures to  
31 facilitate the transition of plan enrollees and payments on their  
32 behalf between the plan and the programs established under chapter  
33 74.09 RCW.

34 **Sec. 85.** RCW 70.48.130 and 1993 c 409 s 1 are each amended to read  
35 as follows:

36 (1) It is the intent of the legislature that all jail inmates

1 receive appropriate and cost-effective emergency and necessary medical  
2 care. Governing units, the (~~department of social and health~~  
3 ~~services~~) health care authority, and medical care providers shall  
4 cooperate to achieve the best rates consistent with adequate care.

5 (2) Payment for emergency or necessary health care shall be by the  
6 governing unit, except that the (~~department of social and health~~  
7 ~~services~~) health care authority shall directly reimburse the provider  
8 pursuant to chapter 74.09 RCW, in accordance with the rates and  
9 benefits established by the (~~department~~) authority, if the confined  
10 person is eligible under the (~~department's~~) authority's medical care  
11 programs as authorized under chapter 74.09 RCW. After payment by the  
12 (~~department~~) authority, the financial responsibility for any  
13 remaining balance, including unpaid client liabilities that are a  
14 condition of eligibility or participation under chapter 74.09 RCW,  
15 shall be borne by the medical care provider and the governing unit as  
16 may be mutually agreed upon between the medical care provider and the  
17 governing unit. In the absence of mutual agreement between the medical  
18 care provider and the governing unit, the financial responsibility for  
19 any remaining balance shall be borne equally between the medical care  
20 provider and the governing unit. Total payments from all sources to  
21 providers for care rendered to confined persons eligible under chapter  
22 74.09 RCW shall not exceed the amounts that would be paid by the  
23 (~~department~~) authority for similar services provided under Title XIX  
24 medicaid, unless additional resources are obtained from the confined  
25 person.

26 (3) As part of the screening process upon booking or preparation of  
27 an inmate into jail, general information concerning the inmate's  
28 ability to pay for medical care shall be identified, including  
29 insurance or other medical benefits or resources to which an inmate is  
30 entitled. This information shall be made available to the  
31 (~~department~~) authority, the governing unit, and any provider of  
32 health care services.

33 (4) The governing unit or provider may obtain reimbursement from  
34 the confined person for the cost of health care services not provided  
35 under chapter 74.09 RCW, including reimbursement from any insurance  
36 program or from other medical benefit programs available to the  
37 confined person. Nothing in this chapter precludes civil or criminal  
38 remedies to recover the costs of medical care provided jail inmates or

1 paid for on behalf of inmates by the governing unit. As part of a  
2 judgment and sentence, the courts are authorized to order defendants to  
3 repay all or part of the medical costs incurred by the governing unit  
4 or provider during confinement.

5 (5) To the extent that a confined person is unable to be  
6 financially responsible for medical care and is ineligible for the  
7 (~~department's~~) authority's medical care programs under chapter 74.09  
8 RCW, or for coverage from private sources, and in the absence of an  
9 interlocal agreement or other contracts to the contrary, the governing  
10 unit may obtain reimbursement for the cost of such medical services  
11 from the unit of government whose law enforcement officers initiated  
12 the charges on which the person is being held in the jail: PROVIDED,  
13 That reimbursement for the cost of such services shall be by the state  
14 for state prisoners being held in a jail who are accused of either  
15 escaping from a state facility or of committing an offense in a state  
16 facility.

17 (6) There shall be no right of reimbursement to the governing unit  
18 from units of government whose law enforcement officers initiated the  
19 charges for which a person is being held in the jail for care provided  
20 after the charges are disposed of by sentencing or otherwise, unless by  
21 intergovernmental agreement pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW.

22 (7) Under no circumstance shall necessary medical services be  
23 denied or delayed because of disputes over the cost of medical care or  
24 a determination of financial responsibility for payment of the costs of  
25 medical care provided to confined persons.

26 (8) Nothing in this section shall limit any existing right of any  
27 party, governing unit, or unit of government against the person  
28 receiving the care for the cost of the care provided.

29 **Sec. 86.** RCW 70.168.040 and 2010 c 161 s 1158 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 The emergency medical services and trauma care system trust account  
32 is hereby created in the state treasury. Moneys shall be transferred  
33 to the emergency medical services and trauma care system trust account  
34 from the public safety education account or other sources as  
35 appropriated, and as collected under RCW 46.63.110(7) and 46.68.440.  
36 Disbursements shall be made by the department subject to legislative  
37 appropriation. Expenditures may be made only for the purposes of the

1 state trauma care system under this chapter, including emergency  
2 medical services, trauma care services, rehabilitative services, and  
3 the planning and development of related services under this chapter and  
4 for reimbursement by the (~~department of social and health services~~)  
5 health care authority for trauma care services provided by designated  
6 trauma centers.

7 **Sec. 87.** RCW 70.225.040 and 2007 c 259 s 45 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1) Prescription information submitted to the department shall be  
10 confidential, in compliance with chapter 70.02 RCW and federal health  
11 care information privacy requirements and not subject to disclosure,  
12 except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section.

13 (2) The department shall maintain procedures to ensure that the  
14 privacy and confidentiality of patients and patient information  
15 collected, recorded, transmitted, and maintained is not disclosed to  
16 persons except as in subsections (3) and (4) of this section.

17 (3) The department may provide data in the prescription monitoring  
18 program to the following persons:

19 (a) Persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled  
20 substances, for the purpose of providing medical or pharmaceutical care  
21 for their patients;

22 (b) An individual who requests the individual's own prescription  
23 monitoring information;

24 (c) Health professional licensing, certification, or regulatory  
25 agency or entity;

26 (d) Appropriate local, state, and federal law enforcement or  
27 prosecutorial officials who are engaged in a bona fide specific  
28 investigation involving a designated person;

29 (e) Authorized practitioners of the department of social and health  
30 services and the health care authority regarding medicaid program  
31 recipients;

32 (f) The director or director's designee within the department of  
33 labor and industries regarding workers' compensation claimants;

34 (g) The director or the director's designee within the department  
35 of corrections regarding offenders committed to the department of  
36 corrections;

37 (h) Other entities under grand jury subpoena or court order; and

1 (i) Personnel of the department for purposes of administration and  
2 enforcement of this chapter or chapter 69.50 RCW.

3 (4) The department may provide data to public or private entities  
4 for statistical, research, or educational purposes after removing  
5 information that could be used to identify individual patients,  
6 dispensers, prescribers, and persons who received prescriptions from  
7 dispensers.

8 (5) A dispenser or practitioner acting in good faith is immune from  
9 any civil, criminal, or administrative liability that might otherwise  
10 be incurred or imposed for requesting, receiving, or using information  
11 from the program.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 88.** The purpose of this chapter is to provide  
13 the health care authority with the powers, duties, and authority with  
14 respect to the collection of overpayments and the coordination of  
15 benefits that are currently provided to the department of social and  
16 health services in chapter 43.20B RCW. Providing the health care  
17 authority with these powers is necessary for the authority to  
18 administer medical services programs established under chapter 74.09  
19 RCW currently administered by the department of social and health  
20 services programs but transferred to the authority under this act. The  
21 authority is authorized to collaborate with other state agencies in  
22 carrying out its duties under this chapter and, to the extent  
23 appropriate, may enter into agreements with such other agencies.  
24 Nothing in this chapter may be construed as diminishing the powers,  
25 duties, and authority granted to the department of social and health  
26 services in chapter 43.20B RCW with respect to the programs that will  
27 remain under its jurisdiction following enactment of this act.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 89.** The definitions in this section apply  
29 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

30 (1) "Assistance" means all programs administered by the authority.

31 (2) "Authority" means the Washington state health care authority.

32 (3) "Director" means the director of the Washington state health  
33 care authority.

34 (4) "Overpayment" means any payment or benefit to a recipient or to  
35 a vendor in excess of that to which is entitled by law, rule, or  
36 contract, including amounts in dispute.

1 (5) "Vendor" means a person or entity that provides goods or  
2 services to or for clientele of the authority and that controls  
3 operational decisions.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 90.** The authority is authorized to charge fees  
5 for services provided unless otherwise prohibited by law. The fees may  
6 be sufficient to cover the full cost of the service provided if  
7 practical or may be charged on an ability-to-pay basis if practical.  
8 This section does not supersede other statutory authority enabling the  
9 assessment of fees by the authority. Whenever the authority is  
10 authorized by law to collect total or partial reimbursement for the  
11 cost of its providing care of or exercising custody over any person,  
12 the authority shall collect the reimbursement to the extent practical.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 91.** (1) Except as otherwise provided by law,  
14 including subsection (2) of this section, there may be no collection of  
15 overpayments and other debts due the authority after the expiration of  
16 six years from the date of notice of such overpayment or other debt  
17 unless the authority has commenced recovery action in a court of law or  
18 unless an administrative remedy authorized by statute is in place.  
19 However, any amount due in a case thus extended ceases to be a debt due  
20 the authority at the expiration of ten years from the date of the  
21 notice of the overpayment or other debt unless a court-ordered remedy  
22 would be in effect for a longer period.

23 (2) There may be no collection of debts due the authority after the  
24 expiration of twenty years from the date a lien is recorded pursuant to  
25 section 96 of this act.

26 (3) The authority, at any time, may accept offers of compromise of  
27 disputed claims or may grant partial or total write-off of any debt due  
28 the authority if it is no longer cost-effective to pursue. The  
29 authority shall adopt rules establishing the considerations to be made  
30 in the granting or denial of a partial or total write-off of debts.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 92.** The form of the lien in section 94 of this  
32 act must be substantially as follows:

33 STATEMENT OF LIEN

34 Notice is hereby given that the State of Washington, Health Care  
35 Authority, has rendered assistance to . . . . ., a person who was

1 injured on or about the . . . . day of . . . . . in the county of  
2 . . . . . state of . . . . . , and the said authority hereby asserts  
3 a lien, to the extent provided in section 94 of this act, for the  
4 amount of such assistance, upon any sum due and owing . . . . . (name  
5 of injured person) from . . . . . , alleged to have caused the injury,  
6 and/or his or her insurer and from any other person or insurer liable  
7 for the injury or obligated to compensate the injured person on account  
8 of such injuries by contract or otherwise.

9 STATE OF WASHINGTON, HEALTH  
10 CARE AUTHORITY

11 By: ..... (Title)

12 STATE OF WASHINGTON }  
13 } ss.  
14 COUNTY OF }

15 I, . . . . , being first duly sworn, on oath state: That I  
16 am . . . . (title); that I have read the foregoing Statement  
17 of Lien, know the contents thereof, and believe the same to  
18 be true.

19 .....  
20 Signed and sworn to or affirmed before me this . . . .  
21 day of . . . . , . . . .

22 by .....  
23 (name of person making statement).

24 (Seal or stamp)

25 .....  
26 Notary Public in and for the State  
27 of Washington  
28 My appointment expires: .....

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 93.** (1) No settlement made by and between a  
30 recipient and either the tort feasor or insurer, or both, discharges or  
31 otherwise compromises the lien created in section 94 of this act  
32 without the express written consent of the director or the director's  
33 designee. Discretion to compromise such liens rests solely with the  
34 director or the director's designee.

1 (2) No settlement or judgment may be entered purporting to  
2 compromise the lien created by section 94 of this act without the  
3 express written consent of the director or the director's designee.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 94.** (1) To secure reimbursement of any  
5 assistance paid as a result of injuries to or illness of a recipient  
6 caused by the negligence or wrong of another, the authority is  
7 subrogated to the recipient's rights against a tort feisor or the tort  
8 feisor's insurer, or both.

9 (2) The authority has the right to file a lien upon any recovery by  
10 or on behalf of the recipient from such tort feisor or the tort  
11 feisor's insurer, or both, to the extent of the value of the assistance  
12 paid by the authority: PROVIDED, That such lien is not effective  
13 against recoveries subject to wrongful death when there are surviving  
14 dependents of the deceased. The lien becomes effective upon filing  
15 with the county auditor in the county where the assistance was  
16 authorized or where any action is brought against the tort feisor or  
17 insurer. The lien may also be filed in any other county or served upon  
18 the recipient in the same manner as a civil summons if, in the  
19 authority's discretion, such alternate filing or service is necessary  
20 to secure the authority's interest. The additional lien is effective  
21 upon filing or service.

22 (3) The lien of the authority may be against any claim, right of  
23 action, settlement proceeds, money, or benefits arising from an  
24 insurance program to which the recipient might be entitled (a) against  
25 the tort feisor or insurer of the tort feisor, or both, and (b) under  
26 any contract of insurance purchased by the recipient or by any other  
27 person providing coverage for the illness or injuries for which the  
28 assistance is paid or provided by the authority.

29 (4) If recovery is made by the authority under this section and the  
30 subrogation is fully or partially satisfied through an action brought  
31 by or on behalf of the recipient, the amount paid to the authority must  
32 bear its proportionate share of attorneys' fees and costs.

33 (a) The determination of the proportionate share to be borne by the  
34 authority must be based upon:

35 (i) The fees and costs approved by the court in which the action  
36 was initiated; or



1 (ii) The written agreement between the attorney and client which  
2 establishes fees and costs when fees and costs are not addressed by the  
3 court.

4 (b) When fees and costs have been approved by a court, after notice  
5 to the authority, the authority has the right to be heard on the matter  
6 of attorneys' fees and costs or its proportionate share.

7 (c) When fees and costs have not been addressed by the court, the  
8 authority shall receive at the time of settlement a copy of the written  
9 agreement between the attorney and client which establishes fees and  
10 costs and may request and examine documentation of fees and costs  
11 associated with the case. The authority may bring an action in  
12 superior court to void a settlement if it believes the attorneys'  
13 calculation of its proportionate share of fees and costs is  
14 inconsistent with the written agreement between the attorney and client  
15 which establishes fees and costs or if the fees and costs associated  
16 with the case are exorbitant in relation to cases of a similar nature.

17 (5) The rights and remedies provided to the authority in this  
18 section to secure reimbursement for assistance, including the  
19 authority's lien and subrogation rights, may be delegated to a managed  
20 health care system by contract entered into pursuant to RCW 74.09.522.  
21 A managed health care system may enforce all rights and remedies  
22 delegated to it by the authority to secure and recover assistance  
23 provided under a managed health care system consistent with its  
24 agreement with the authority.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 95.** (1) An attorney representing a person who,  
26 as a result of injuries or illness sustained through the negligence or  
27 wrong of another, has received, is receiving, or has applied to receive  
28 shall:

29 (a) Notify the authority at the time of filing any claim against a  
30 third party, commencing an action at law, negotiating a settlement, or  
31 accepting a settlement offer from the tort feisor or the tort feisor's  
32 insurer, or both; and

33 (b) Give the authority thirty days' notice before any judgment,  
34 award, or settlement may be satisfied in any action or any claim by the  
35 applicant or recipient to recover damages for such injuries or illness.

36 (2) The proceeds from any recovery made pursuant to any action or  
37 claim described in section 94 of this act that is necessary to fully

1 satisfy the authority's lien against recovery must be placed in a trust  
2 account or in the registry of the court until the authority's lien is  
3 satisfied.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 96.** (1) The authority shall file liens, seek  
5 adjustment, or otherwise effect recovery for assistance correctly paid  
6 on behalf of an individual consistent with 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396p. The  
7 authority shall adopt a rule providing for prior notice and hearing  
8 rights to the record title holder or purchaser under a land sale  
9 contract.

10 (2) Liens may be adjusted by foreclosure in accordance with chapter  
11 61.12 RCW.

12 (3) In the case of an individual who was fifty-five years of age or  
13 older when the individual received assistance, the authority shall seek  
14 adjustment or recovery from the individual's estate, and from  
15 nonprobate assets of the individual as defined by RCW 11.02.005, but  
16 only for assistance consisting of services that the authority  
17 determines to be appropriate, and related hospital and prescription  
18 drug services. Recovery from the individual's estate, including  
19 foreclosure of liens imposed under this section, must be undertaken as  
20 soon as practicable, consistent with 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396p.

21 (4) The authority shall apply the assistance estate recovery law as  
22 it existed on the date that benefits were received when calculating an  
23 estate's liability to reimburse the authority for those benefits.

24 (5)(a) The authority shall establish procedures consistent with  
25 standards established by the federal department of health and human  
26 services and pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396p to waive recovery when  
27 such recovery would work an undue hardship. The authority shall  
28 recognize an undue hardship for a surviving domestic partner whenever  
29 recovery would not have been permitted if he or she had been a  
30 surviving spouse. The authority is not authorized to pursue recovery  
31 under such circumstances.

32 (b) Recovery of assistance from a recipient's estate may not  
33 include property made exempt from claims by federal law or treaty,  
34 including exemption for tribal artifacts that may be held by individual  
35 Native Americans.

36 (6) A lien authorized under this section relates back to attach to

1 any real property that the decedent had an ownership interest in  
2 immediately before death and is effective as of that date or date of  
3 recording, whichever is earlier.

4 (7) The authority may enforce a lien authorized under this section  
5 against a decedent's life estate or joint tenancy interest in real  
6 property held by the decedent immediately prior to his or her death.  
7 Such a lien enforced under this subsection may not end and must  
8 continue as provided in this subsection until the authority's lien has  
9 been satisfied.

10 (a) The value of the life estate subject to the lien is the value  
11 of the decedent's interest in the property subject to the life estate  
12 immediately prior to the decedent's death.

13 (b) The value of the joint tenancy interest subject to the lien is  
14 the value of the decedent's fractional interest the recipient would  
15 have owned in the jointly held interest in the property had the  
16 recipient and the surviving joint tenants held title to the property as  
17 tenants in common on the date of the recipient's death.

18 (c) The authority may not enforce the lien provided by this  
19 subsection against a bona fide purchaser or encumbrancer that obtains  
20 an interest in the property after the death of the recipient and before  
21 the authority records either its lien or the request for notice of  
22 transfer or encumbrance as provided by section 115 of this act.

23 (d) The authority may not enforce a lien provided by this  
24 subsection against any property right that vested prior to July 1,  
25 2005.

26 (8)(a) Subject to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396p(a) and  
27 the conditions of this subsection (8), the authority is authorized to  
28 file a lien against the property of an individual prior to his or her  
29 death, and to seek adjustment and recovery from the individual's estate  
30 or sale of the property subject to the lien, if:

31 (i) The individual is an inpatient in a nursing facility,  
32 intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual disabilities,  
33 or other medical institution; and

34 (ii) The authority has determined after notice and opportunity for  
35 a hearing that the individual cannot reasonably be expected to be  
36 discharged from the medical institution and to return home.

37 (b) If the individual is discharged from the medical facility and  
38 returns home, the authority shall dissolve the lien.

1 (9) The authority is authorized to adopt rules to effect recovery  
2 under this section. The authority may adopt by rule later enactments  
3 of the federal laws referenced in this section.

4 (10) It is the responsibility of the authority to fully disclose in  
5 advance verbally and in writing, in easy to understand language, the  
6 terms and conditions of estate recovery to all persons offered care  
7 subject to recovery of payments.

8 (11) In disclosing estate recovery costs to potential clients, and  
9 to family members at the consent of the client, the authority shall  
10 provide a written description of the community service options.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 97.** (1) Overpayments of assistance become a  
12 lien against the real and personal property of the recipient from the  
13 time of filing by the authority with the county auditor of the county  
14 in which the recipient resides or owns property, and the lien claim has  
15 preference over the claims of all unsecured creditors.

16 (2) Debts due the state for overpayments of assistance may be  
17 recovered by the state by deduction from the subsequent assistance  
18 payments to such persons, lien and foreclosure, or order to withhold  
19 and deliver, or may be recovered by civil action.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 98.** (1) Any person who owes a debt to the state  
21 for an overpayment of assistance must be notified of that debt by  
22 either personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested.  
23 Personal service, return of the requested receipt, or refusal by the  
24 debtor of such notice is proof of notice to the debtor of the debt  
25 owed. Service of the notice must be in the manner prescribed for the  
26 service of a summons in a civil action. The notice must include a  
27 statement of the debt owed; a statement that the property of the debtor  
28 will be subject to collection action after the debtor terminates from  
29 assistance; a statement that the property will be subject to lien and  
30 foreclosure, distraint, seizure and sale, or order to withhold and  
31 deliver; and a statement that the net proceeds will be applied to the  
32 satisfaction of the overpayment debt. Action to collect the debt by  
33 lien and foreclosure, distraint, seizure and sale, or order to withhold  
34 and deliver, is lawful after ninety days from the debtor's termination  
35 from assistance or the receipt of the notice of debt, whichever is  
36 later. This does not preclude the authority from recovering

1 overpayments by deduction from subsequent assistance payments, not  
2 exceeding deductions as authorized under federal law with regard to  
3 financial assistance programs: PROVIDED, That subject to federal legal  
4 requirement, deductions may not exceed five percent of the grant  
5 payment standard if the overpayment resulted from error on the part of  
6 the authority or error on the part of the recipient without willful or  
7 knowing intent of the recipient in obtaining or retaining the  
8 overpayment.

9 (2) A current or former recipient who is aggrieved by a claim that  
10 he or she owes a debt for an overpayment of assistance has the right to  
11 an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to section 53 of this act. If no  
12 application is filed, the debt is subject to collection action as  
13 authorized under this chapter. If a timely application is filed, the  
14 execution of collection action on the debt is stayed pending the final  
15 adjudicative order or termination of the debtor from assistance,  
16 whichever occurs later.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 99.** (1) After service of a notice of debt for  
18 an overpayment as provided for in section 98 of this act, stating the  
19 debt accrued, the director may issue to any person, firm, corporation,  
20 association, political subdivision, or department of the state an order  
21 to withhold and deliver property of any kind including, but not  
22 restricted to, earnings which are due, owing, or belonging to the  
23 debtor, when the director has reason to believe that there is in the  
24 possession of such person, firm, corporation, association, political  
25 subdivision, or department of the state property which is due, owing,  
26 or belonging to the debtor. The order to withhold and deliver must  
27 state the amount of the debt, and must state in summary the terms of  
28 this section, RCW 6.27.150 and 6.27.160, chapters 6.13 and 6.15 RCW, 15  
29 U.S.C. Sec. 1673, and other state or federal exemption laws applicable  
30 generally to debtors. The order to withhold and deliver must be served  
31 in the manner prescribed for the service of a summons in a civil action  
32 or by certified mail, return receipt requested. Any person, firm,  
33 corporation, association, political subdivision, or department of the  
34 state upon whom service has been made shall answer the order to  
35 withhold and deliver within twenty days, exclusive of the day of  
36 service, under oath and in writing, and shall make true answers to the  
37 matters inquired of therein. The director may require further and

1 additional answers to be completed by the person, firm, corporation,  
2 association, political subdivision, or department of the state. If any  
3 such person, firm, corporation, association, political subdivision, or  
4 department of the state possesses any property which may be subject to  
5 the claim of the authority, such property must be withheld immediately  
6 upon receipt of the order to withhold and deliver and must, after the  
7 twenty-day period, upon demand, be delivered forthwith to the director.  
8 The director shall hold the property in trust for application on the  
9 indebtedness involved or for return, without interest, in accordance  
10 with final determination of liability or nonliability. In the  
11 alternative, there may be furnished to the director a good and  
12 sufficient bond, satisfactory to the director, conditioned upon final  
13 determination of liability. Where money is due and owing under any  
14 contract of employment, express or implied, or is held by any person,  
15 firm, corporation, association, political subdivision, or department of  
16 the state subject to withdrawal by the debtor, such money must be  
17 delivered by remittance payable to the order of the director. Delivery  
18 to the director, subject to the exemptions under RCW 6.27.150 and  
19 6.27.160, chapters 6.13 and 6.15 RCW, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1673, and other  
20 state or federal law applicable generally to debtors, of the money or  
21 other property held or claimed satisfies the requirement of the order  
22 to withhold and deliver. Delivery to the director serves as full  
23 acquittance, and the state warrants and represents that it shall defend  
24 and hold harmless for such actions persons delivering money or property  
25 to the director pursuant to this chapter. The state also warrants and  
26 represents that it shall defend and hold harmless for such actions  
27 persons withholding money or property pursuant to this chapter.

28 (2) The director shall also, on or before the date of service of  
29 the order to withhold and deliver, mail or cause to be mailed by  
30 certified mail a copy of the order to withhold and deliver to the  
31 debtor at the debtor's last known post office address or, in the  
32 alternative, a copy of the order to withhold and deliver must be served  
33 on the debtor in the same manner as a summons in a civil action on or  
34 before the date of service of the order or within two days thereafter.  
35 The copy of the order must be mailed or served together with a concise  
36 explanation of the right to petition for a hearing on any issue related  
37 to the collection. This requirement is not jurisdictional, but, if the  
38 copy is not mailed or served as provided in this section, or if any

1 irregularity appears with respect to the mailing or service, the  
2 superior court, on its discretion on motion of the debtor promptly made  
3 and supported by affidavit showing that the debtor has suffered  
4 substantial injury due to the failure to mail the copy, may set aside  
5 the order to withhold and deliver and award to the debtor an amount  
6 equal to the damages resulting from the director's failure to serve on  
7 or mail to the debtor the copy.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 100.** If any person, firm, corporation,  
9 association, political subdivision, or department of the state fails to  
10 answer an order to withhold and deliver within the time prescribed in  
11 section 99 of this act, or fails or refuses to deliver property  
12 pursuant to the order, or after actual notice of filing of a lien as  
13 provided for in this chapter, pays over, releases, sells, transfers, or  
14 conveys real or personal property subject to such lien to or for the  
15 benefit of the debtor or any other person, or fails or refuses to  
16 surrender upon demand property distrained under section 99 of this act,  
17 or fails or refuses to honor an assignment of wages presented by the  
18 director, such person, firm, corporation, association, political  
19 subdivision, or department of the state is liable to the authority in  
20 an amount equal to one hundred percent of the value of the debt which  
21 is the basis of the lien, order to withhold and deliver, distraint, or  
22 assignment of wages, together with costs, interest, and reasonable  
23 attorneys' fees.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** Any person, firm, corporation,  
25 association, political subdivision, or department employing a person  
26 owing a debt for overpayment of assistance received shall honor,  
27 according to its terms, a duly executed assignment of earnings  
28 presented to the employer by the director as a plan to satisfy or  
29 retire an overpayment debt. This requirement to honor the assignment  
30 of earnings is applicable whether the earnings are to be paid presently  
31 or in the future and continues in force and effect until released in  
32 writing by the director. Payment of moneys pursuant to an assignment  
33 of earnings presented to the employer by the director serves as full  
34 acquittance under any contract of employment, and the state warrants  
35 and represents it shall defend and hold harmless such action taken

1 pursuant to the assignment of earnings. The director is released from  
2 liability for improper receipt of moneys under assignment of earnings  
3 upon return of any moneys so received.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102.** If an improper real property transfer is  
5 made as defined in RCW 74.08.331 through 74.08.338, the authority may  
6 request the attorney general to file suit to rescind the transaction  
7 except as to subsequent bona fide purchasers for value. If it is  
8 established by judicial proceedings that a fraudulent conveyance  
9 occurred, the value of any assistance which has been furnished may be  
10 recovered in any proceedings from the recipient or the recipient's  
11 estate.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 103.** When the authority provides assistance to  
13 persons who possess excess real property under RCW 74.04.005(11)(g),  
14 the authority may file a lien against or otherwise perfect its interest  
15 in such real property as a condition of granting such assistance, and  
16 the authority has the status of a secured creditor.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 104.** (1) When the authority determines that a  
18 vendor was overpaid by the authority for either goods or services, or  
19 both, provided to authority clients, except nursing homes under chapter  
20 74.46 RCW, the authority shall give written notice to the vendor. The  
21 notice must include the amount of the overpayment, the basis for the  
22 claim, and the rights of the vendor under this section.

23 (2) The notice may be served upon the vendor in the manner  
24 prescribed for the service of a summons in civil action or be mailed to  
25 the vendor at the last known address by certified mail, return receipt  
26 requested, demanding payment within twenty days of the date of receipt.

27 (3) The vendor has the right to an adjudicative proceeding governed  
28 by the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW, and the rules  
29 of the authority. The vendor's application for an adjudicative  
30 proceeding must be in writing, state the basis for contesting the  
31 overpayment notice, and include a copy of the authority's notice. The  
32 application must be served on and received by the authority within  
33 twenty-eight days of the vendor's receipt of the notice of overpayment.  
34 The vendor must serve the authority in a manner providing proof of  
35 receipt.



1 (4) Where an adjudicative proceeding has been requested, the  
2 presiding or reviewing office shall determine the amount, if any, of  
3 the overpayment received by the vendor.

4 (5) If the vendor fails to attend or participate in the  
5 adjudicative proceeding, upon a showing of valid service, the presiding  
6 or reviewing officer may enter an administrative order declaring the  
7 amount claimed in the notice to be assessed against the vendor and  
8 subject to collection action by the authority.

9 (6) Failure to make an application for an adjudicative proceeding  
10 within twenty-eight days of the date of notice results in the  
11 establishment of a final debt against the vendor in the amount asserted  
12 by the authority and that amount is subject to collection action. The  
13 authority may also charge the vendor with any costs associated with the  
14 collection of any final overpayment or debt established against the  
15 vendor.

16 (7) The authority may enforce a final overpayment or debt through  
17 lien and foreclosure, distraint, seizure and sale, order to withhold  
18 and deliver, or other collection action available to the authority to  
19 satisfy the debt due.

20 (8) Debts determined under this chapter are subject to collection  
21 action without further necessity of action by a presiding or reviewing  
22 officer. The authority may collect the debt in accordance with  
23 sections 99, 100, and 105 of this act. In addition, a vendor lien may  
24 be subject to distraint and seizure and sale in the same manner as  
25 prescribed for support liens in RCW 74.20A.130.

26 (9) Chapter 66, Laws of 1998 applies to overpayments for goods or  
27 services provided on or after July 1, 1998.

28 (10) The authority may adopt rules consistent with this section.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 105.** (1) The authority may, at the director's  
30 discretion, secure the repayment of any outstanding overpayment, plus  
31 interest, if any, through the filing of a lien against the vendor's  
32 real property, or by requiring the posting of a bond, assignment of  
33 deposit, or some other form of security acceptable to the authority, or  
34 by doing both.

35 (a) Any lien is effective from the date of filing for record with  
36 the county auditor of the county in which the property is located and

1 the lien claim has preference over the claims of all unsecured  
2 creditors.

3 (b) The authority shall review and determine the acceptability of  
4 all other forms of security.

5 (c) Any bond must be issued by a company licensed as a surety in  
6 the state of Washington.

7 (d) This subsection does not apply to nursing homes licensed under  
8 chapter 18.51 RCW or portions of hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41  
9 RCW and operating as a nursing home, if those facilities are subject to  
10 chapter 74.46 RCW.

11 (2) The authority may recover any overpayment, plus interest, if  
12 any, by setoff or recoupment against subsequent payments to the vendor.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 106.** Liens created under section 105 of this  
14 act bind the affected property for a period of ten years after the lien  
15 has been recorded or ten years after the resolution of all good faith  
16 disputes as to the overpayment, whichever is later. Any civil action  
17 by the authority to enforce such lien must be timely commenced before  
18 the ten-year period expires or the lien is released. A civil action to  
19 enforce such lien is not timely commenced unless the summons and  
20 complaint are filed within the ten-year period in a court having  
21 jurisdiction and service of the summons and complaint is made upon all  
22 parties in the manner prescribed by appropriate civil court rules.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 107.** Any action to enforce a vendor overpayment  
24 debt must be commenced within six years from the date of the  
25 authority's notice to the vendor.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 108.** The remedies under sections 105 and 106 of  
27 this act are nonexclusive and nothing contained in this chapter may be  
28 construed to impair or affect the right of the authority to maintain a  
29 civil action or to pursue any other remedies available to it under the  
30 laws of this state to recover such debt.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 109.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (4)  
32 of this section, vendors shall pay interest on overpayments at the rate  
33 of one percent per month or portion thereof. Where partial repayment

1 of an overpayment is made, interest accrues on the remaining balance.  
2 Interest must not accrue when the overpayment occurred due to authority  
3 error.

4 (2) If the overpayment is discovered by the vendor prior to  
5 discovery and notice by the authority, the interest begins accruing  
6 ninety days after the vendor notifies the authority of such  
7 overpayment.

8 (3) If the overpayment is discovered by the authority prior to  
9 discovery and notice by the vendor, the interest begins accruing thirty  
10 days after the date of notice by the authority to the vendor.

11 (4) This section does not apply to:  
12 (a) Interagency or intergovernmental transactions; and  
13 (b) Contracts for public works, goods and services procured for the  
14 exclusive use of the authority, equipment, or travel.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 110.** (1) To avoid a duplicate payment of  
16 benefits, a recipient of assistance from the authority is deemed to  
17 have subrogated the authority to the recipient's right to recover  
18 temporary total disability compensation due to the recipient and the  
19 recipient's dependents under Title 51 RCW, to the extent of such  
20 assistance or compensation, whichever is less. However, the amount to  
21 be repaid to the authority must bear its proportionate share of  
22 attorneys' fees and costs, if any, incurred under Title 51 RCW by the  
23 recipient or the recipient's dependents.

24 (2) The authority may assert and enforce a lien and notice to  
25 withhold and deliver to secure reimbursement. The authority shall  
26 identify in the lien and notice to withhold and deliver the recipient  
27 of assistance and temporary total disability compensation and the  
28 amount claimed by the authority.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 111.** The effective date of the lien and notice  
30 to withhold and deliver provided in section 110 of this act is the day  
31 that it is received by the department of labor and industries or a  
32 self-insurer as defined in chapter 51.08 RCW. Service of the lien and  
33 notice to withhold and deliver may be made personally, by regular mail  
34 with postage prepaid, or by electronic means. A statement of lien and  
35 notice to withhold and deliver must be mailed to the recipient at the  
36 recipient's last known address by certified mail, return receipt

1 requested, no later than two business days after the authority mails,  
2 delivers, or transmits the lien and notice to withhold and deliver to  
3 the department of labor and industries or a self-insurer.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 112.** The director of labor and industries or  
5 the director's designee, or a self-insurer as defined in chapter 51.08  
6 RCW, following receipt of the lien and notice to withhold and deliver,  
7 shall deliver to the director of the authority or the director's  
8 designee any temporary total disability compensation payable to the  
9 recipient named in the lien and notice to withhold and deliver up to  
10 the amount claimed. The director of labor and industries or  
11 self-insurer shall withhold and deliver from funds currently in the  
12 director's or self-insurer's possession or from any funds that may at  
13 any time come into the director's or self-insurer's possession on  
14 account of temporary total disability compensation payable to the  
15 recipient named in the lien and notice to withhold and deliver.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 113.** (1) A recipient feeling aggrieved by the  
17 action of the authority in recovering his or her temporary total  
18 disability compensation as provided in sections 110 through 114 of this  
19 act has the right to an adjudicative proceeding.

20 (2) A recipient seeking an adjudicative proceeding shall file an  
21 application with the director within twenty-eight days after the  
22 statement of lien and notice to withhold and deliver was mailed to the  
23 recipient. If the recipient files an application more than  
24 twenty-eight days after, but within one year of, the date the statement  
25 of lien and notice to withhold and deliver was mailed, the recipient is  
26 entitled to a hearing if the recipient shows good cause for the  
27 recipient's failure to file a timely application. The filing of a late  
28 application does not affect prior collection action pending the final  
29 adjudicative order. Until good cause for failure to file a timely  
30 application is decided, the authority may continue to collect under the  
31 lien and notice to withhold and deliver.

32 (3) The proceeding shall be governed by chapter 34.05 RCW, the  
33 administrative procedure act.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 114.** Sections 110 through 113 of this act and

1 this section do not apply to persons whose eligibility for benefits  
2 under Title 51 RCW is based upon an injury or illness occurring prior  
3 to July 1, 1972.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 115.** (1) When an individual receives assistance  
5 subject to recovery under this chapter and the individual is the holder  
6 of record title to real property or the purchaser under a land sale  
7 contract, the authority may present to the county auditor for recording  
8 in the deed and mortgage records of a county a request for notice of  
9 transfer or encumbrance of the real property. The authority shall  
10 adopt a rule providing prior notice and hearing rights to the record  
11 title holder or purchaser under a land sale contract.

12 (2) The authority shall present to the county auditor for recording  
13 a termination of request for notice of transfer or encumbrance when, in  
14 the judgment of the authority, it is no longer necessary or appropriate  
15 for the authority to monitor transfers or encumbrances related to the  
16 real property.

17 (3) The authority shall adopt by rule a form for the request for  
18 notice of transfer or encumbrance and the termination of request for  
19 notice of transfer or encumbrance that, at a minimum:

20 (a) Contains the name of the assistance recipient and a case  
21 identifier or other appropriate information that links the individual  
22 who is the holder of record title to real property or the purchaser  
23 under a land sale contract to the individual's assistance records;

24 (b) Contains the legal description of the real property;

25 (c) Contains a mailing address for the authority to receive the  
26 notice of transfer or encumbrance; and

27 (d) Complies with the requirements for recording in RCW 36.18.010  
28 for those forms intended to be recorded.

29 (4) The authority shall pay the recording fee required by the  
30 county clerk under RCW 36.18.010.

31 (5) The request for notice of transfer or encumbrance described in  
32 this section does not affect title to real property and is not a lien  
33 on, encumbrance of, or other interest in the real property.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 116.** (1) By December 10, 2011, the department  
35 of social and health services and the health care authority shall  
36 provide a preliminary report, and by December 1, 2012, provide a final

1 implementation plan, to the governor and the legislature with  
2 recommendations regarding the role of the health care authority in the  
3 state's purchasing of mental health treatment, substance abuse  
4 treatment, and long-term care services, including services for those  
5 with developmental disabilities.

6 (2) The reports shall:

7 (a) Consider options for effectively coordinating the purchase and  
8 delivery of care for people who need long-term care, developmental  
9 disabilities, mental health, or chemical dependency services. Options  
10 considered may include, but are not limited to, transitioning purchase  
11 of these services from the department of social and health services to  
12 the health care authority, and strategies for the agencies to  
13 collaborate seamlessly while purchasing services separately; and

14 (b) Address the following components:

15 (i) Incentives to improve prevention efforts;

16 (ii) Service delivery approaches, including models for care  
17 management and care coordination and benefit design;

18 (iii) Rules to assure that those requiring long-term care services  
19 and supports receive that care in the least restrictive setting  
20 appropriate to their needs;

21 (iv) Systems to measure cost savings;

22 (v) Mechanisms to measure health outcomes and consumer  
23 satisfaction;

24 (vi) The designation of a single point of entry for financial and  
25 functional eligibility determinations for long-term care services; and

26 (vii) Process for collaboration with local governments.

27 (3) In developing these recommendations, the agencies shall:

28 (a) Consult with tribal governments and with interested  
29 stakeholders, including consumers, health care and other service  
30 providers, health insurance carriers, and local governments; and

31 (b) Cooperate with the joint select committee on health reform  
32 implementation established in House Concurrent Resolution No. 4404 and  
33 any of its advisory committees. The agencies shall strongly consider  
34 the guidance and input received from these forums in the development of  
35 its recommendations.

36 (4) The agencies shall submit a progress report to the governor and  
37 the legislature by November 15, 2013, that provides details on the  
38 agencies' progress on purchasing coordination to date.

1       **Sec. 117.** RCW 74.09A.005 and 2007 c 179 s 1 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       The legislature finds that:

4       (1) Simplification in the administration of payment of health  
5 benefits is important for the state, providers, and health insurers;

6       (2) The state, providers, and health insurers should take advantage  
7 of all opportunities to streamline operations through automation and  
8 the use of common computer standards;

9       (3) It is in the best interests of the state, providers, and health  
10 insurers to identify all third parties that are obligated to cover the  
11 cost of health care coverage of joint beneficiaries; and

12       (4) Health insurers, as a condition of doing business in  
13 Washington, must increase their effort to share information with the  
14 (~~(department)~~) authority and accept the (~~(department's)~~) authority's  
15 timely claims consistent with 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(25).

16       Therefore, the legislature declares that to improve the  
17 coordination of benefits between the (~~(department of social and health~~  
18 ~~services)) health care authority and health insurers to ensure that  
19 medical insurance benefits are properly utilized, a transfer of  
20 information between the (~~(department)~~) authority and health insurers  
21 should be instituted, and the process for submitting requests for  
22 information and claims should be simplified.~~

23       **Sec. 118.** RCW 74.09A.010 and 2007 c 179 s 2 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25       For the purposes of this chapter:

26       (1) (~~("Department")~~) "Authority" means the (~~(department of social~~  
27 ~~and health services)) Washington state health care authority.~~

28       (2) "Health insurance coverage" includes any policy, contract, or  
29 agreement under which health care items or services are provided,  
30 arranged, reimbursed, or paid for by a health insurer.

31       (3) "Health insurer" means any party that is, by statute, policy,  
32 contract, or agreement, legally responsible for payment of a claim for  
33 a health care item or service, including, but not limited to, a  
34 commercial insurance company providing disability insurance under  
35 chapter 48.20 or 48.21 RCW, a health care service contractor providing  
36 health care coverage under chapter 48.44 RCW, a health maintenance  
37 organization providing comprehensive health care services under chapter

1 48.46 RCW, an employer or union self-insured plan, any private insurer,  
2 a group health plan, a service benefit plan, a managed care  
3 organization, a pharmacy benefit manager, and a third party  
4 administrator.

5 (4) "Computerized" means online or batch processing with  
6 standardized format via magnetic tape output.

7 (5) "Joint beneficiary" is an individual who has health insurance  
8 coverage and is a recipient of public assistance benefits under chapter  
9 74.09 RCW.

10 **Sec. 119.** RCW 74.09A.020 and 2007 c 179 s 3 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (1) The ((department)) authority shall provide routine and periodic  
13 computerized information to health insurers regarding client  
14 eligibility and coverage information. Health insurers shall use this  
15 information to identify joint beneficiaries. Identification of joint  
16 beneficiaries shall be transmitted to the ((department)) authority.  
17 The ((department)) authority shall use this information to improve  
18 accuracy and currency of health insurance coverage and promote improved  
19 coordination of benefits.

20 (2) To the maximum extent possible, necessary data elements and a  
21 compatible database shall be developed by affected health insurers and  
22 the ((department)) authority. The ((department)) authority shall  
23 establish a representative group of health insurers and state agency  
24 representatives to develop necessary technical and file specifications  
25 to promote a standardized database. The database shall include  
26 elements essential to the ((department)) authority and its population's  
27 health insurance coverage information.

28 (3) If the state and health insurers enter into other agreements  
29 regarding the use of common computer standards, the database identified  
30 in this section shall be replaced by the new common computer standards.

31 (4) The information provided will be of sufficient detail to  
32 promote reliable and accurate benefit coordination and identification  
33 of individuals who are also eligible for ((department)) authority  
34 programs.

35 (5) The frequency of updates will be mutually agreed to by each  
36 health insurer and the ((department)) authority based on frequency of



1 change and operational limitations. In no event shall the computerized  
2 data be provided less than semiannually.

3 (6) The health insurers and the ((~~department~~)) authority shall  
4 safeguard and properly use the information to protect records as  
5 provided by law, including but not limited to chapters 42.48, 74.09,  
6 74.04, 70.02, and 42.56 RCW, and 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396a and 42 C.F.R.  
7 Sec. 43 et seq. The purpose of this exchange of information is to  
8 improve coordination and administration of benefits and ensure that  
9 medical insurance benefits are properly utilized.

10 (7) The ((~~department~~)) authority shall target implementation of  
11 this section to those health insurers with the highest probability of  
12 joint beneficiaries.

13 **Sec. 120.** RCW 74.09A.030 and 2007 c 179 s 4 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 Health insurers, as a condition of doing business in Washington,  
16 must:

17 (1) Provide, with respect to individuals who are eligible for, or  
18 are provided, medical assistance under chapter 74.09 RCW, upon the  
19 request of the ((~~department~~)) authority, information to determine  
20 during what period the individual or their spouses or their dependants  
21 may be, or may have been, covered by a health insurer and the nature of  
22 coverage that is or was provided by the health insurer, including the  
23 name, address, and identifying number of the plan, in a manner  
24 prescribed by the ((~~department~~)) authority;

25 (2) Accept the ((~~department's~~)) authority's right to recovery and  
26 the assignment to the ((~~department~~)) authority of any right of an  
27 individual or other entity to payment from the party for an item or  
28 service for which payment has been made under chapter 74.09 RCW;

29 (3) Respond to any inquiry by the ((~~department~~)) authority  
30 regarding a claim for payment for any health care item or service that  
31 is submitted not later than three years after the date of the provision  
32 of such health care item or service;

33 (4) Agree not to deny a claim submitted by the ((~~department~~))  
34 authority solely on the basis of the date of submission of the claim,  
35 the type or format of the claim form, or a failure to present proper  
36 documentation at the point-of-sale that is the basis of the claim, if:

1 (a) The claim is submitted by the (~~department~~) authority within  
2 the three-year period beginning on the date the item or service was  
3 furnished; and

4 (b) Any action by the (~~department~~) authority to enforce its  
5 rights with respect to such claim is commenced within six years of the  
6 (~~department's~~) authority's submission of such claim; and

7 (5) Agree that the prevailing party in any legal action to enforce  
8 this section receives reasonable attorneys' fees as well as related  
9 collection fees and costs incurred in the enforcement of this section.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 121. The following acts or parts of acts are  
11 each repealed:

12 (1) RCW 74.09.085 (Contracts--Performance measures--Financial  
13 incentives) and 2005 c 446 s 3;

14 (2) RCW 74.09.110 (Administrative personnel--Professional  
15 consultants and screeners) and 1979 c 141 s 339 & 1959 c 26 s  
16 74.09.110;

17 (3) RCW 74.09.5221 (Medical assistance--Federal standards--  
18 Waivers--Application) and 1997 c 231 s 112;

19 (4) RCW 74.09.5227 (Implementation date--Payments for services  
20 provided by rural hospitals) and 2001 2nd sp.s. c 2 s 3;

21 (5) RCW 74.09.755 (AIDS--Community-based care--Federal social  
22 security act waiver) and 1989 c 427 s 12;

23 (6) RCW 43.20A.860 (Requirement to seek federal waivers and state  
24 law changes to medical assistance program) and 1995 c 265 s 26; and

25 (7) RCW 74.04.270 (Audit of accounts--Uniform accounting system)  
26 and 1979 c 141 s 304 & 1959 c 26 s 74.04.270.

27 **Sec. 122.** RCW 74.09.015 and 2007 c 259 s 16 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 To the extent that sufficient funding is provided specifically for  
30 this purpose, the (~~department, in collaboration with the health care~~)  
31 authority(~~(r)~~) shall provide all persons receiving services under this  
32 chapter with access to a twenty-four hour, seven day a week nurse  
33 hotline. The (~~health care~~) authority (~~(and the department of social~~  
34 ~~and health services)~~) shall determine the most appropriate way to  
35 provide the nurse hotline under RCW 41.05.037 and this section, which  
36 may include use of the 211 system established in chapter 43.211 RCW.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 123.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.20A  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        The secretary shall enter into agreements with the director of the  
4    health care authority, in his or her capacity as the director of the  
5    designated single state agency to administer medical services programs  
6    under Titles XIX and XXI of the social security act, to establish the  
7    division of responsibilities between the agencies with respect to  
8    mental health, chemical dependency, and long-term care services,  
9    including services for people with developmental disabilities. Except  
10   to the extent expressly authorized in the omnibus operating budget or  
11   other legislative act and where necessary to improve coordination of  
12   care for individual clients, nothing in this section or in section 116  
13   of this act shall be construed as authorizing the secretary or the  
14   director to transfer funds appropriated to one agency or program in the  
15   omnibus operating budget to another agency or program.

16       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 124.**    (1) All powers, duties, and functions of  
17   the department of social and health services pertaining to the medical  
18   assistance program and the medicaid purchasing administration are  
19   transferred to the health care authority to the extent necessary to  
20   carry out the purposes of this act. All references to the secretary or  
21   the department of social and health services in the Revised Code of  
22   Washington shall be construed to mean the director or the health care  
23   authority when referring to the functions transferred in this section.

24        (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files,  
25   papers, or written material in the possession of the department of  
26   social and health services pertaining to the powers, functions, and  
27   duties transferred shall be delivered to the custody of the health care  
28   authority. All cabinets, furniture, office equipment, motor vehicles,  
29   and other tangible property employed by the department of social and  
30   health services in carrying out the powers, functions, and duties  
31   transferred shall be made available to the health care authority. All  
32   funds, credits, or other assets held in connection with the powers,  
33   functions, and duties transferred shall be assigned to the health care  
34   authority.

35        (b) Any appropriations made to the department of social and health  
36   services for carrying out the powers, functions, and duties transferred

1 shall, on the effective date of this section, be transferred and  
2 credited to the health care authority.

3 (c) Whenever any question arises as to the transfer of any  
4 personnel, funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment,  
5 or other tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers  
6 and the performance of the duties and functions transferred, the  
7 director of financial management shall make a determination as to the  
8 proper allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

9 (3) All employees of the medicaid purchasing administration at the  
10 department of social and health services are transferred to the  
11 jurisdiction of the health care authority. All employees classified  
12 under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are assigned to  
13 the health care authority to perform their usual duties upon the same  
14 terms as formerly, without any loss of rights, subject to any action  
15 that may be appropriate thereafter in accordance with the laws and  
16 rules governing state civil service.

17 (4) All rules and all pending business before the department of  
18 social and health services pertaining to the powers, functions, and  
19 duties transferred shall be continued and acted upon by the health care  
20 authority. All existing contracts and obligations shall remain in full  
21 force and shall be performed by the health care authority.

22 (5) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of  
23 the department of social and health services shall not affect the  
24 validity of any act performed before the effective date of this  
25 section.

26 (6) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the  
27 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial  
28 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,  
29 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make  
30 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation  
31 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

32 (7) A nonsupervisory medicaid purchasing unit bargaining unit is  
33 created at the health care authority. All nonsupervisory civil service  
34 employees of the medicaid purchasing administration at the department  
35 of social and health services assigned to the health care authority  
36 under this section whose positions are within the existing bargaining  
37 unit description at the department of social and health services shall  
38 become a part of the nonsupervisory medicaid purchasing unit bargaining

1 unit at the health care authority under the provisions of chapter 41.80  
2 RCW. The exclusive bargaining representative of the existing  
3 bargaining unit at the department of social and health services is  
4 certified as the exclusive bargaining representative of the  
5 nonsupervisory medicaid purchasing unit bargaining unit at the health  
6 care authority without the necessity of an election.

7 (8) A supervisory medicaid purchasing unit bargaining unit is  
8 created at the health care authority. All supervisory civil service  
9 employees of the medicaid purchasing administration at the department  
10 of social and health services assigned to the health care authority  
11 under this section whose positions are within the existing bargaining  
12 unit description at the department of social and health services shall  
13 become a part of the supervisory medicaid purchasing unit bargaining  
14 unit at the health care authority under the provisions of chapter 41.80  
15 RCW. The exclusive bargaining representative of the existing  
16 bargaining unit at the department of social and health services is  
17 certified as the exclusive bargaining representative of the supervisory  
18 medicaid purchasing unit bargaining unit at the health care authority  
19 without the necessity of an election.

20 (9) The bargaining units of employees created under this section  
21 are appropriate units under the provisions of chapter 41.80 RCW.  
22 However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to alter  
23 the authority of the public employment relations commission under the  
24 provisions of chapter 41.80 RCW to amend or modify the bargaining  
25 units.

26 (10) Positions from the department of social and health services  
27 central administration are transferred to the jurisdiction of the  
28 health care authority. Employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW,  
29 the state civil service law, are assigned to the health care authority  
30 to perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly, without  
31 any loss of rights, subject to any action that may be appropriate  
32 thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing state civil  
33 service.

34 (11) All classified employees of the department of social and  
35 health services central administration assigned to the health care  
36 authority under subsection (10) of this section whose positions are  
37 within an existing bargaining unit description at the health care  
38 authority shall become a part of the existing bargaining unit at the

1 health care authority and shall be considered an appropriate inclusion  
2 or modification of the existing bargaining unit under the provisions of  
3 chapter 41.80 RCW.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 125.** The code reviser shall note wherever  
5 "administrator" is used or referred to in the Revised Code of  
6 Washington as the head of the health care authority that the title of  
7 the agency head has been changed to "director." The code reviser shall  
8 prepare legislation for the 2012 regular session that changes all  
9 statutory references to "administrator" of the health care authority to  
10 "director" of the health care authority.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 126.** RCW 43.20A.365 is recodified as a section  
12 in chapter 74.09 RCW.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 127.** Sections 88 through 115 of this act  
14 constitute a new chapter in Title 41 RCW, to be codified as chapter  
15 41.05A RCW.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 128.** Sections 73 through 75 of this act expire  
17 June 30, 2012.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 129.** If any provision of this act or its  
19 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
20 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
21 persons or circumstances is not affected.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 130.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
25 July 1, 2011."

**ADOPTED AND ENGROSSED 5/9/11**

1        On page 1, line 4 of the title amendment, after "authority;" strike  
2 the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.09.037,  
3 74.09.050, 74.09.055, 74.09.075, 74.09.080, 74.09.120, 74.09.160,  
4 74.09.180, 74.09.185, 74.09.190, 74.09.200, 74.09.210, 74.09.240,  
5 74.09.260, 74.09.280, 74.09.290, 74.09.300, 74.09.470, 74.09.480,  
6 74.09.490, 74.09.500, 74.09.510, 74.09.515, 74.09.520, 74.09.521,  
7 74.09.5222, 74.09.5225, 74.09.530, 74.09.540, 74.09.555, 74.09.565,  
8 74.09.575, 74.09.585, 74.09.595, 74.09.655, 74.09.658, 74.09.659,  
9 74.09.700, 74.09.710, 74.09.715, 74.09.720, 74.09.725, 74.09.730,  
10 74.09.770, 74.09.790, 74.09.800, 74.09.810, 74.09.820, 41.05.011,  
11 41.05.015, 41.05.021, 41.05.036, 41.05.037, 41.05.140, 43.20A.365,  
12 74.04.005, 74.04.015, 74.04.025, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.060,  
13 74.04.062, 74.04.290, 7.68.080, 43.41.160, 43.41.260, 43.70.670,  
14 47.06B.020, 47.06B.060, 47.06B.070, 48.01.235, 48.43.008, 48.43.517,  
15 69.41.030, 69.41.190, 70.01.010, 70.47.010, 70.47.020, 70.47.110,  
16 70.48.130, 70.168.040, 70.225.040, 74.09A.005, 74.09A.010, 74.09A.020,  
17 74.09A.030, and 74.09.015; reenacting and amending RCW 74.09.010,  
18 74.09.035, and 74.09.522; adding new sections to chapter 74.09 RCW;  
19 adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; adding a new chapter to  
20 Title 41 RCW; creating new sections; recodifying RCW 43.20A.365;  
21 repealing RCW 74.09.085, 74.09.110, 74.09.5221, 74.09.5227, 74.09.755,  
22 43.20A.860, and 74.04.270; providing an effective date; providing an  
23 expiration date; and declaring an emergency."

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