
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6227

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By Senate Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Conway, Keiser, Carrell, Frockt, Pflug, Hargrove, Kline, and Roach)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a medicaid fraud hotline; adding a
2 new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The attorney general must, in conjunction with the office of
7 the insurance commissioner, establish a toll-free telephone hotline
8 that is available to members of the public to report suspected medicaid
9 fraud. Funding for the hotline is to be provided by the office of the
10 insurance commissioner.

11 (2) The attorney general must prepare information that explains the
12 purpose of the hotline, and the hotline telephone number must be
13 prominently displayed in the information. The attorney general must
14 publicize the availability of the toll-free hotline through print and
15 electronic media, including its web site, and other means of
16 communication with the public.

17 (3) The attorney general must designate staff to be responsible for
18 processing reports of fraud or abuse received through the hotline. The
19 attorney general must conduct an initial review of each report.

1 Following the initial review, the attorney general must determine which
2 assertions require further examination and must forward this
3 information to the medicaid fraud control unit.

4 (4) The identity of a person making a report through the hotline is
5 confidential at all times unless the person making a report consents to
6 disclosure by written waiver, or until the investigation described in
7 subsection (3) of this section is complete. All documents related to
8 the report and subsequent investigation are also confidential until
9 completion of the investigation or when the documents are otherwise
10 statutorily exempt from public disclosure.

11 (5) This section expires July 1, 2014.

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