
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2022

State of Washington

63rd Legislature

2013 Regular Session

By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Jinkins, Morrell, Green, Cody, Hunter, Ryu, Appleton, Pollet, and Roberts)

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1 AN ACT Relating to dispensing of birth control for medicaid
2 enrollees; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a significant
6 percentage of pregnancies are unintended and could be averted with
7 broader access to health care and effective contraception. Providing
8 broader access to contraceptive drugs for women covered by medicaid
9 programs could avert up to twenty-six percent of unintended pregnancies
10 and result in an estimated four million dollars in savings for health
11 care programs. Research suggests that moving from twenty-eight day
12 dispensing of contraceptive drugs to one year dispensing improves
13 adherence to maintenance drugs and effective use of the prescribed
14 contraceptives. It is therefore the intent of the legislature to
15 require the health care authority and all medicaid programs, fee-for-
16 service and managed care, to require dispensing of contraceptive drugs
17 with up to a one-year supply provided at one time.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The authority must make arrangements for all medicaid programs
4 offered through managed care plans or fee-for-service to require
5 dispensing of contraceptive drugs with a one-year supply provided at
6 one time unless a patient requests a smaller supply or the prescribing
7 physician instructs that the patient must receive a smaller supply.
8 Contracts with managed care plans must allow on-site dispensing of the
9 prescribed contraceptive drugs at family planning clinics. Dispensing
10 practices must follow clinical guidelines for appropriate prescribing
11 and dispensing to ensure the health of the patient while maximizing
12 access to effective contraceptive drugs.

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