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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 up to a one-year supply provided  
6   at one time.   Contracts with managed care plans must allow on-site  
7   dispensing of the prescribed contraceptive drugs at family planning  
8   clinics.   Dispensing practices must follow clinical guidelines for  
9   appropriate prescribing and dispensing to ensure the health of the  
10   patient while maximizing access to effective contraceptive drugs.

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