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By Senators Cleveland, Benton, Keiser, Darneille, Frockt, Billig, Chase, Rolfes, Nelson, Dammeier, Fraser, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Pedersen, Hargrove, Ranker, Conway, and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to medicaid programs and expanding access to care
2 in border communities; and adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW.

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 legislature finds that the authority and the department
7 purchase or contract for the delivery of medicaid programs, including
8 medical services with the managed care plans under this chapter, mental
9 health services with regional support networks or other contractors
10 under chapter 71.24 RCW, chemical dependency services under chapters
11 74.50 and 70.96A RCW, and long-term care services under chapter 74.39A
12 RCW.

13 (2) The authority and department must collaborate and seek
14 opportunities to expand access to care for enrollees in the medicaid
15 programs identified in subsection (1) of this section living in border
16 communities that may require contractual agreements with providers
17 across the state border when care is appropriate, available, and cost-
18 effective.

1 (3) All authority and department contracts for medicaid services
2 issued or renewed after July 1, 2014, must include provisions that
3 allow for care to be accessed cross-border ensuring timely access to
4 necessary care, including inpatient and outpatient services. The
5 contracts must include reciprocal arrangements that allow Washington,
6 Oregon, and Idaho border residents to access care when care is
7 appropriate, available, and cost-effective.

8 (4) The agencies must jointly report to the health care committees
9 and fiscal committees of the legislature by November 1, 2014, with an
10 update on the contractual opportunities and the anticipated impacts on
11 patient access to timely care, the impact on the availability of
12 inpatient and outpatient services, and the fiscal implications for the
13 medicaid programs.

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