

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6549**

Chapter 156, Laws of 2018

65th Legislature  
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ACCESS TO BABY AND CHILD DENTISTRY PROGRAM--CHILDREN WITH  
DISABILITIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 2018

Passed by the Senate February 12, 2018  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House February 28, 2018  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved March 21, 2018 12:14 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6549** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

FILED

March 23, 2018

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes, Cleveland, Conway, Saldaña, and Sheldon)

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1       AN ACT Relating to expanding the access to baby and child  
2 dentistry program to serve children with disabilities; and adding a  
3 new section to chapter 74.09 RCW.

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

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

7       (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
8 specific purpose, the authority shall expand the access to baby and  
9 child dentistry program to include children with disabilities as  
10 eligible clients.

11       (2) Once enrolled in the program, eligible children with  
12 disabilities must be covered until their thirteenth birthday.

13       (3) Children with disabilities enrolled in the program shall  
14 receive all services and benefits received by program clients.

15       (4) The authority shall pay enhanced fees for program services  
16 provided to children with disabilities enrolled in the program to  
17 dentists and dental hygienists certified to provide program services  
18 to children with disabilities. To receive certification to provide  
19 program services to children with disabilities, a dentist or dental  
20 hygienist must:

21       (a) Be licensed under Title 18 RCW; and

1 (b) Complete a course on treating children with disabilities as  
2 defined by the authority in rule.

3 (5) On or before December 15, 2018, and on or before December 15,  
4 2019, the authority, in consultation with any organizations  
5 administering the program, shall provide a report, in compliance with  
6 RCW 43.01.036, to the health care and fiscal committees of the  
7 legislature, to include:

8 (a) The number of dentists and dental hygienists participating in  
9 the program; and

10 (b) The number of children with disabilities who received  
11 treatment through the program.

12 (6) For purposes of this section:

13 (a) "Children with disabilities" means all individuals under the  
14 age of thirteen with a disability attributable to intellectual  
15 disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or another neurological  
16 condition closely related to an intellectual disability or that  
17 requires treatment similar to that required for persons with  
18 intellectual disabilities, which has continued or can be expected to  
19 continue indefinitely, and which constitutes a substantial limitation  
20 to such individual, who are eligible for one of the following medical  
21 assistance programs:

22 (i) Categorically needy program;

23 (ii) Limited casualty program-medically needy program;

24 (iii) Children's health program; or

25 (iv) State children's health insurance program.

26 (b) "Program" means the access to baby and child dentistry  
27 program as established by WAC 182-535-1245 or successor rule.

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