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SENATE BILL 5988

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By Senators Prentice and Delvin; by request of Health Care Authority

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1            AN ACT Relating to the public employees' benefits board medical  
2 benefits administration account; and amending RCW 41.05.143.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.05.143 and 2000 2nd sp.s. c 1 s 901 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6            (1) The uniform medical plan benefits administration account is  
7 created in the custody of the state treasurer. Only the administrator  
8 or the administrator's designee may authorize expenditures from the  
9 account. Moneys in the account shall be used exclusively for  
10 contracted expenditures for uniform medical plan claims administration,  
11 data analysis, utilization management, preferred provider  
12 administration, and activities related to benefits administration where  
13 the level of services provided pursuant to a contract fluctuate as a  
14 direct result of changes in uniform medical plan enrollment. Moneys in  
15 the account may also be used for administrative activities required to  
16 respond to new and unforeseen conditions that impact the uniform  
17 medical plan, but only when the authority and the office of financial  
18 management jointly agree that such activities must be initiated prior  
19 to the next legislative session.

1 (2) Receipts from amounts due from or on behalf of uniform medical  
2 plan enrollees for expenditures related to benefits administration,  
3 including moneys disbursed from the public employees' and retirees'  
4 insurance account, shall be deposited into the account. The account is  
5 subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no  
6 appropriation is required for expenditures. All proposals for  
7 allotment increases shall be provided to the house of representatives  
8 appropriations committee and to the senate ways and means committee at  
9 the same time as they are provided to the office of financial  
10 management.

11 (3) The uniform dental plan benefits administration account is  
12 created in the custody of the state treasurer. Only the administrator  
13 or the administrator's designee may authorize expenditures from the  
14 account. Moneys in the account shall be used exclusively for  
15 contracted expenditures related to benefits administration for the  
16 uniform dental plan as established under RCW 41.05.140. Receipts from  
17 amounts due from or on behalf of uniform dental plan enrollees for  
18 expenditures related to benefits administration, including moneys  
19 disbursed from the public employees' and retirees' insurance account,  
20 shall be deposited into the account. The account is subject to  
21 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
22 required for expenditures.

23 (4) The public employees' benefits board medical benefits  
24 administration account is created in the custody of the state  
25 treasurer. Only the administrator or the administrator's designee may  
26 authorize expenditures from the account. Moneys in the account shall  
27 be used exclusively for contracted expenditures related to claims  
28 administration, data analysis, utilization management, preferred  
29 provider administration, and other activities related to benefits  
30 administration for self-insured medical plans other than the uniform  
31 medical plan. Receipts from amounts due from or on behalf of enrollees  
32 for expenditures related to benefits administration, including moneys  
33 disbursed from the public employees' and retirees' insurance account,  
34 shall be deposited into the account. The account is subject to  
35 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is  
36 not required for expenditures.

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