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1 AN ACT Relating to health care for working individuals with
2 disabilities; amending RCW 74.09.540; and providing an effective
3 date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.540 and 2018 c 201 s 7019 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to remove barriers to
8 employment for individuals with disabilities by providing medical
9 assistance to working individuals with disabilities through a buy-in
10 program in accordance with section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the social
11 security act and eligibility and cost-sharing requirements
12 established by the authority.

13 (2) The authority shall establish (~~income, resource, and~~) cost-
14 sharing requirements for the buy-in program in accordance with
15 federal law and any conditions or limitations specified in the
16 omnibus appropriations act. The authority shall establish and modify
17 eligibility and cost-sharing requirements in order to administer the
18 program within available funds. The authority may consider a person's
19 income when establishing cost-sharing requirements. The authority may
20 not establish eligibility restrictions for the buy-in program based
21 upon a person's income or maximum age. The authority shall make every

1 effort to coordinate benefits with employer-sponsored coverage
2 available to the working individuals with disabilities receiving
3 benefits under this chapter or other applicable law.

4 (3) The authority shall seek federal approval to exclude
5 resources accumulated in a separate account that results from
6 earnings during an individual's enrollment in the buy-in program when
7 determining the individual's subsequent eligibility for another
8 medical assistance program.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2020.

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