

RCW 74.39A.540 Home care safety net assessment work group—

Securing federal funding—Contracting—Reporting. (1) The home care safety net assessment work group is established, with the following members:

- (a) The director of the health care authority, or the director's designee;
- (b) The secretary of the department, or the secretary's designee;
- (c) The secretary of the department of health, or the secretary's designee;
- (d) The director of the department of revenue, or the director's designee;
- (e) A representative from the exclusive bargaining representative of individual providers;
- (f) A representative of a coalition representing home care agencies serving medicaid clients;
- (g) A representative of an association representing home care and home health agencies; and
- (h) A representative from each consumer directed employer in Washington.

(2) The work group shall develop a home care safety net assessment proposal to secure federal matching funds under federally prescribed programs available through the state medicaid plan or a waiver. In developing the proposal, the work group shall consider the financial information provided by consumer directed employers and in-home services agencies under RCW 70.127.295 to the extent authorized under RCW 70.127.295(4)(b)(ii) and any relevant data analysis of the financial information provided by a private entity under contract with the health care authority pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

(3) The health care authority may contract with a private entity to provide data analysis of the financial information submitted by in-home services agencies and consumer directed employers as necessary to inform the work group's development of a home care safety net assessment proposal. The data analysis must include the development of various financial modeling options that may meet federal regulations for approval of the assessment.

(4) Staff support to the work group must be provided by the health care authority.

(5) The work group shall report its findings to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2024. The report must include recommendations related to the elements necessary to adopt and implement a home care safety net assessment proposal that meets the requirements needed for federal approval. [2023 c 209 § 2.]