

HB 1947 - DIGEST

Finds that the blue ribbon commission on health care costs and access has recommended that Washington state become a leader in prevention and management of chronic illness. Their consensus recommendation provides that state health purchasing agencies, including the medical assistance program, will integrate proven chronic care management into all state programs. The state further finds that full benefit dual eligible beneficiaries, who are eligible for both the federal medicare program and medical assistance benefits, are among the most chronically ill medical assistance clients.

Declares an intent to take an opportunity to realize the blue ribbon commission's recommendation by directing the department of social and health services to continue to support the enrollment of some full benefit dual eligible beneficiaries in the managed health care plan of their choice, in coordination with the federal medicare program.