

**SSB 5725** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

ADOPTED AS AMENDED 04/14/2009

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) A health benefit plan that is issued or renewed on or after  
6 January 1, 2010, and that provides coverage for organ and tissue  
7 transplants, may not permit a separate lifetime limit on transplants of  
8 any less than three hundred fifty thousand dollars. The lifetime limit  
9 shall not apply to chronic care secondary to the transplant beginning  
10 ninety days after the date of the transplant. Benefits provided are  
11 subject to all other terms and conditions of the health benefit plan,  
12 including but not limited to any applicable coinsurances, deductibles,  
13 and copayments.

14 (2) "Organ transplant" means the same as defined under the  
15 applicable health benefit plan."

16 Correct the title.

EFFECT: The \$350,000 lifetime limit does not apply to ongoing  
chronic care therapy.

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