
HOUSE BILL 1337

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By Representatives Green, Goodman, Kagi, Walsh, Roberts, Seaquist, Morrell, Appleton, Kenney, Simpson, Nelson, and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to developmental screenings through the medicaid
2 program; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that developmental
6 screening of infants and young children is a cost-effective method to
7 identify developmental delays early and provide appropriate services to
8 reduce the negative impact of the developmental delay.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) The department shall adopt a rule specifying which
12 developmental screening tools may be ordered for minors eligible for
13 medical assistance. The rule shall also specify the frequency of
14 administering these developmental screens. The developmental screening
15 tools and the frequency of administration shall be consistent with
16 nationally accepted pediatric guidelines.

17 (2) The department shall provide the appropriate committees of the
18 senate and house of representatives a report on the number and type of

1 developmental screens conducted on minors eligible for medical
2 assistance and the subsequent services provided on December 1st of
3 every odd-numbered year beginning in 2011.

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