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By House Health & Human Services Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Kagi, Green, Cody, Darneille, Dunshee, Roberts, Goodman, Appleton, Kenney, Orwall, Hurst, Moeller, Takko, Chase, Rolfes, Carlyle, Simpson, Nelson, Conway, and Ormsby)

READ FIRST TIME 03/02/09.

1 AN ACT Relating to equitable access to appropriate and effective
2 children's mental health services; and amending RCW 74.09.521.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.521 and 2007 c 359 s 11 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) To the extent that funds are specifically appropriated for this
7 purpose the department shall revise its medicaid healthy options
8 managed care and fee-for-service program standards under medicaid,
9 Title XIX of the federal social security act to improve access to
10 mental health services for children who do not meet the regional
11 support network access to care standards. Effective July 1, 2008, the
12 program standards shall be revised to allow outpatient therapy services
13 to be provided by (~~licensed~~) or under the direct supervision of
14 mental health professionals, as defined in RCW 71.34.020 and licensed
15 under Title 18 RCW, and up to twenty outpatient therapy hours per
16 calendar year, including family therapy visits integral to a child's
17 treatment. This section shall be administered in a manner consistent
18 with federal early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment

1 requirements related to the receipt of medically necessary services
2 when a child's need for such services is identified through
3 developmental screening.

4 (2) (~~(This section expires July 1, 2010.)~~) The department and the
5 children's mental health evidence-based practice institute established
6 in RCW 71.24.061 shall collaborate to encourage and develop incentives
7 for the use of prescribing practices and evidence-based and research-
8 based treatment practices developed under RCW 74.09.490 by mental
9 health professionals serving children under this section.

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