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1 AN ACT Relating to respite care for primary care providers of
2 persons with developmental disabilities; and amending RCW 71A.12.161.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71A.12.161 and 2007 c 283 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The individual and family services program for individuals
7 eligible to receive services under this title is established. This
8 program replaces family support opportunities, traditional family
9 support, and the flexible family support pilot program. The department
10 shall transfer funding associated with these existing family support
11 programs to the individual and family services program and shall
12 operate the program within available funding. The services provided
13 under the individual and family services program shall be funded by
14 state funding without benefit of federal match.

15 (2) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.
16 The rules shall provide:

17 (a) That eligibility to receive services in the individual and
18 family services program be determined solely by an assessment of
19 individual need;

1 (b) For service priority levels to be developed that specify a
2 maximum amount of dollars for each person per level per year;

3 (c) That the dollar caps for each service priority level be
4 adjusted by the vendor rate increases authorized by the legislature;
5 and

6 (d) That the following services be available under the program:

7 (i) Respite care;

8 (ii) Therapies;

9 (iii) Architectural and vehicular modifications;

10 (iv) Equipment and supplies;

11 (v) Specialized nutrition and clothing;

12 (vi) Excess medical costs not covered by another source;

13 (vii) Copays for medical and therapeutic services;

14 (viii) Transportation;

15 (ix) Training;

16 (x) Counseling;

17 (xi) Behavior management;

18 (xii) Parent/sibling education;

19 (xiii) Recreational opportunities; and

20 (xiv) Community services grants.

21 (3) In addition to services provided for the service priority
22 levels under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the department
23 shall provide for:

24 (a) One-time exceptional needs and emergency needs for individuals
25 and families not receiving individual and family services annual grants
26 to assist individuals and families who experience a short-term crisis;
27 and

28 (b) Respite services based on the department's assessment for a
29 parent, sibling, grandparent, or other primary care provider who
30 provides personal care in the home to ~~((his or her))~~ an adult ~~((son or~~
31 ~~daughter))~~ with developmental disabilities.

32 (4) If a person has more complex needs, a family is experiencing a
33 more prolonged crisis, or it is determined a person needs additional
34 services, the department shall assess the individual to determine if
35 placement in a waiver program would be appropriate.

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