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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Riccelli, Cody, Green, Van De Wege, Tharinger, Morrell, Johnson, Parker, Stonier, Reykdal, Jinkins, and Kochmar)

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1 AN ACT Relating to safety equipment for individual providers; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 74.39A RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.39A RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds and declares that universal precautions
7 are important health and safety protections for home care clients and
8 workers who provide direct care for those clients. The use of personal
9 protective equipment such as gloves is an established component of
10 universal precautions and a key tool to protect against exposure to
11 bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and
12 human immunodeficiency virus. Most medicaid clients are eligible to
13 receive gloves through their medicaid benefit, yet the majority of
14 clients are not aware of or do not use this benefit and as a result do
15 not have gloves available in the home for individual providers to use.
16 The legislature intends to improve the availability and usage of gloves
17 by individual providers as part of universal precautions by ensuring
18 that medicaid clients access gloves through their medicaid benefit.

1 (2) For medicaid clients, the department shall coordinate with the
2 health care authority to assist clients receiving personal care
3 services in accessing gloves as part of their health benefit for
4 individual providers to use in the course of providing tasks where
5 universal precautions are warranted. The assistance by the department
6 and the health care authority must be designed to facilitate clients
7 being able to access gloves on a monthly basis in a cost-effective and
8 easy to access manner and must be consistent with requirements to
9 receive federal matching funds under medicaid.

10 (3) In cases where clients are not eligible to receive such gloves
11 under medicaid, the department shall work with the health care
12 authority to develop a methodology to ensure clients have access to
13 gloves on a monthly basis in a cost-effective and easy to access
14 manner.

15 (4) The department shall submit a brief report with data on
16 utilization of gloves by clients who are served by individual providers
17 to the health care committees of the legislature by December 1, 2015.

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