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2 By Representatives Sommers, Brough, Cooke, and Leonard

3 On page 4, after line 8, insert:

4 "Sec. 8. RCW 74.09.790 and 1990 c 151 s 4 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
7 in this section apply throughout RCW 74.09.760 through 74.09.820
8 and 74.09.510:

9 (1) "At-risk eligible person" means an eligible person
10 determined by the department to need special assistance in applying
11 for and obtaining maternity care, including pregnant women who are
12 substance abusers, pregnant and parenting adolescents, pregnant
13 minority women, and other eligible persons who need special
14 assistance in gaining access to the maternity care system.

15 (2) "County authority" means the board of county
16 commissioners, county council, or county executive having the
17 authority to participate in the maternity care access program or
18 its designee. Two or more county authorities may enter into joint
19 agreements to fulfill the requirements of this chapter.

20 (3) "Department" means the department of social and health
21 services.

22 (4) "Eligible person" means a woman in need of maternity care
23 or a child, who is eligible for medical assistance pursuant to this
24 chapter or the prenatal care program administered by the
25 department.

26 (5) "Maternity care services" means inpatient and outpatient
27 medical care, case management, and support services necessary
28 during prenatal, delivery, and postpartum periods.

29 (6) "Support services" means, at least, public health nursing
30 assessment and follow-up, health and childbirth education,

1 psychological assessment and counseling, outreach services,
2 nutritional assessment and counseling, needed vitamin and
3 nonprescriptive drugs, transportation, family planning services and
4 child care. Support services may include alcohol and substance
5 abuse treatment for pregnant women who are addicted or at risk of
6 being addicted to alcohol or drugs to the extent funds are made
7 available for that purpose.

8 (7) "Family planning services" means planning the number of
9 one's children by use of contraceptive techniques.

10 **Sec. 9.** RCW 74.09.800 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 10 s 5 are each
11 amended to read as follows:

12 The department shall, consistent with the state budget act,
13 develop a maternity care access program designed to ensure healthy
14 birth outcomes as follows:

15 (1) Provide maternity care services to low-income pregnant
16 women and health care services to children in poverty to the
17 maximum extent allowable under the medical assistance program,
18 Title XIX of the federal social security act;

19 (2) Provide maternity care services to low-income women who
20 are not eligible to receive such services under the medical
21 assistance program, Title XIX of the federal social security act;

22 (3) By January 1, 1990, have the following procedures in place
23 to improve access to maternity care services and eligibility
24 determinations for pregnant women applying for maternity care
25 services under the medical assistance program, Title XIX of the
26 federal social security act:

27 (a) Use of a shortened and simplified application form;

28 (b) Outstationing department staff to make eligibility
29 determinations;

30 (c) Establishing local plans at the county and regional level,
31 coordinated by the department; and

1 (d) Conducting an interview for the purpose of determining
2 medical assistance eligibility within five working days of the date
3 of an application by a pregnant woman and making an eligibility
4 determination within fifteen working days of the date of
5 application by a pregnant woman;

6 (4) Establish a maternity care case management system that
7 shall assist at-risk eligible persons with obtaining medical
8 assistance benefits and receiving maternity care services,
9 including transportation and child care services;

10 (5) Within available resources, establish appropriate
11 reimbursement levels for maternity care providers;

12 (6) Implement a broad-based public education program that
13 stresses the importance of obtaining maternity care early during
14 pregnancy;

15 ~~(7) ((Study the desirability and feasibility of implementing~~
16 ~~the presumptive eligibility provisions set forth in section 9407 of~~
17 ~~the federal omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1986 and report to~~
18 ~~the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 1989;~~
19 ~~and~~

20 ~~(8))~~ Refer persons eligible for maternity care services under
21 the program established by this section to persons, agencies, or
22 organizations with maternity care service practices that primarily
23 emphasize healthy birth outcomes;

24 (8) Provide family planning services for twelve months
25 immediately following a pregnancy to women who were eligible for
26 medical assistance under the maternity care access program during
27 that pregnancy or who were eligible only for emergency labor and
28 delivery services during that pregnancy; and

29 (9) Within available resources, provide family planning
30 services to women who meet the financial eligibility requirements
31 for services under subsections (1) and (2) of this section."

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- 1 Renumber remaining sections consecutively and correct internal
- 2 references accordingly.

EFFECT: Extends First Steps family planning coverage from two months immediately following a pregnancy to twelve months immediately following a pregnancy. Permits the Department of Health to offer family planning services to women who meet the financial eligibility criteria for First Steps maternity coverage.