
SENATE BILL 6662

State of Washington

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By Senators Quigley and Kohl

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1 AN ACT Relating to health insurance benefits for family planning;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 48.43 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 48.43 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that nearly sixty percent of all
7 pregnancies are unintended at the time of conception, and more than
8 half of all unintended pregnancies end in abortion. In order to help
9 women avoid unintended pregnancies and reduce the need for abortion,
10 the legislature intends to increase access to contraceptive services.

11 (2) Every health plan issued or renewed by a health carrier after
12 July 1, 1996, that includes benefits for prescription drugs must
13 include federal drug administration-approved prescriptive contraceptive
14 drugs and devices, subject to the plan's formulary. The formulary must
15 include at least oral contraceptives, injectable contraceptives, and
16 diaphragms.

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