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By Senators Thibaudeau, Winsley, Prentice, Fairley and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to hospice care; adding a new section to chapter
2 41.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44
4 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 48.46 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Any state-purchased health care that provides coverage for
9 hospice care may not require, as a condition of that coverage, that a
10 person agree not to receive other covered medical care.

11 (2) For purposes of this section, "hospice care" has the same
12 meaning as provided in RCW 70.127.010.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) An insurer that offers an individual a health benefit plan that
16 provides coverage for hospice care may not require, as a condition of
17 that coverage, that the individual agree not to receive other care
18 covered by the plan.

1 (2) For purposes of this section, "hospice care" has the same
2 meaning as provided in RCW 70.127.010.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) A group insurance contract or blanket disability insurance
6 contract providing health care services that provides coverage for
7 hospice care may not require, as a condition of that coverage, that a
8 person agree not to receive other health care services covered by the
9 contract.

10 (2) For purposes of this section, "hospice care" has the same
11 meaning as provided in RCW 70.127.010.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) A health service contractor that provides coverage for
15 hospice care may not require, as a condition of that coverage, that a
16 person agree not to receive other covered medical care.

17 (2) For purposes of this section, "hospice care" has the same
18 meaning as provided in RCW 70.127.010.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) A health maintenance organization that provides coverage for
22 hospice care may not require, as a condition of that coverage, that a
23 person agree not to receive other covered medical care.

24 (2) For purposes of this section, "hospice care" has the same
25 meaning as provided in RCW 70.127.010.

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