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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Alexander, Parlette, Cody, Radcliff, O'Brien, Schual-Berke, Reardon, Quall, Santos, Cooper, Linville, Ericksen and Hurst)

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1 AN ACT Relating to administering atypical antipsychotic
2 medications; amending RCW 71.24.310; adding new sections to chapter
3 71.24 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.24.310 and 1989 c 205 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The legislature finds that administration of chapter 71.05 RCW and
8 this chapter can be most efficiently and effectively implemented as
9 part of the regional support network defined in RCW 71.24.025. For
10 this reason, the legislature intends that any enhanced program funding
11 for implementation of chapter 71.05 RCW or this chapter, except for
12 funds allocated for implementation of mandatory state-wide programs as
13 required by federal statute, and except for funds appropriated for the
14 purposes under section 2 of this act, be made available primarily to
15 those counties participating in regional support networks.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71.24 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) The legislature finds that specific appropriations for atypical
2 antipsychotic medications used in community settings are more
3 effectively administered centrally by the mental health division of the
4 department of social and health services. It is the intent of the
5 legislature that the mental health division shall establish a mechanism
6 separate from the regional support network funding formula for
7 distributing specific appropriations for atypical antipsychotic
8 medications to the regional support networks. It is the further intent
9 of the legislature that this mechanism will maximize federal funding
10 opportunities, and that specific appropriations for these medications
11 shall be targeted toward underserved groups.

12 (2) The department in consultation with the regional support
13 networks shall establish a methodology to assure that specific
14 appropriations for atypical antipsychotic medications used in community
15 settings shall be targeted to the following groups of persons: (a)
16 Persons in crisis who are not medicaid eligible; (b) working poor who
17 are not medicaid eligible and who need continued access to
18 antipsychotic medications in order to retain their employment; (c)
19 persons transitioning from jail and from department of corrections
20 facilities to medicaid eligibility; and (d) persons in jail. The
21 department shall establish data mechanisms to track the efforts to
22 assist all persons who are medicaid qualified achieve medicaid
23 eligibility. Lack of medicaid eligibility shall not be a criteria for
24 exclusion from benefiting from specific appropriations for atypical
25 antipsychotic medications.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 71.24 RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 (1) The department shall establish a program to evaluate the
29 treatment outcomes and costs benefits of providing funding for atypical
30 antipsychotic medications used in community settings for persons who
31 are not currently eligible for benefits under the medicaid program,
32 Title XIX of the federal social security act.

33 (2) Atypical antipsychotic medications provided through the program
34 shall be purchased by the department through competitive procurement.
35 The procurement shall include at a minimum: (a) A requirement that
36 rates paid for the medications not exceed rates paid by the department
37 under its medicaid program; (b) a requirement that there be an adequate
38 distribution mechanism to make the medications available in communities

1 served by the program; and (c) other performance standards deemed
2 appropriate by the department.

3 (3) The program shall include an evaluation component. The
4 evaluation shall assess whether the availability of atypical
5 antipsychotic medications through the program results in cost savings
6 to the state and positive treatment outcomes for persons served through
7 the program.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
9 act is not provided by June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations
10 act, this act is null and void.

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