

SSB 6219 - S AMD 375
By Senator Fortunato

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) A health plan issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2019,
6 may provide coverage for:

7 (a) All contraceptive drugs, devices, and other products,
8 approved by the federal food and drug administration, including
9 over-the-counter contraceptive drugs, devices, and products, approved
10 by the federal food and drug administration;

11 (b) Voluntary sterilization procedures;

12 (c) The consultations, examinations, procedures, and medical
13 services that are necessary to prescribe, dispense, insert, deliver,
14 distribute, administer, or remove the drugs, devices, and other
15 products or services in (a) and (b) of this subsection.

16 (2) This section may not be construed to allow for denial of care
17 on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual
18 orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, age,
19 citizenship, immigration status, or disability.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) If a health plan issued or renewed on or after January 1,
23 2019, provides coverage for maternity care or services, the health
24 plan may also provide a covered person with substantially equivalent
25 coverage to permit the abortion of a pregnancy.

26 (2)(a) Coverage for the abortion of a pregnancy may be subject to
27 terms and conditions generally applicable to the health plan's
28 coverage of maternity care or services, including applicable cost
29 sharing.

30 (b) A health plan is not required to cover abortions that would
31 be unlawful under RCW 9.02.120.

1 (3) This section does not, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec.
2 18054(a)(6), apply to a multistate plan that does not provide
3 coverage for the abortion of a pregnancy.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The governor's interagency coordinating
5 council on health disparities shall conduct a literature review on
6 disparities in access to reproductive health care based on
7 socioeconomic status, race, sexual orientation, gender identity,
8 ethnicity, geography, and other factors. By January 1, 2019, the
9 council shall report the results of the literature review and make
10 recommendations on reducing or removing disparities in access to
11 reproductive health care to the governor and the relevant standing
12 committees of the legislature."

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13 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "health;" strike the
14 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter
15 48.43 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: Removes the intent section. Makes the coverage of all
contraceptive drugs, devices, and other products permissive, and
removes the prohibition on copayments, deductibles and other forms of
cost sharing for contraceptives. Makes the coverage of abortion
services permissive and removes the prohibition on limiting a
person's access to abortion services. Removes language that made the
section inapplicable to a plan to the minimum extent necessary if the
application of the section to a health plan would result in
noncompliance with any federal requirements for receipt of federal
funds.

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