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1 AN ACT Relating to health care for persons receiving public
2 assistance; and amending RCW 74.09.520.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.520 and 1991 sp.s. c 8 s 9 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The term "medical assistance" may include the following care
7 and services: (a) Inpatient hospital services; (b) outpatient hospital
8 services; (c) other laboratory and x-ray services; (d) nursing facility
9 services; (e) physicians' services, which shall include prescribed
10 medication and instruction on birth control devices; (f) medical care,
11 or any other type of remedial care as may be established by the
12 secretary; (g) home health care services; (h) private duty nursing
13 services; (i) dental services; (j) physical and occupational therapy
14 and related services; (k) prescribed drugs, dentures, and prosthetic

1 devices; and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases
2 of the eye or by an optometrist, whichever the individual may select;
3 (l) personal care services, as provided in this section; (m) hospice
4 services; (n) other diagnostic, screening, preventive, and
5 rehabilitative services; and (o) like services when furnished to a
6 handicapped child by a school district as part of an individualized
7 education program established pursuant to RCW 28A.155.010 through
8 28A.155.100. For the purposes of this section, the department may not
9 cut off any prescription medications, oxygen supplies, respiratory
10 services, or other life-sustaining medical services or supplies.

11 "Medical assistance," notwithstanding any other provision of law,
12 shall not include routine foot care, or dental services delivered by
13 any health care provider, that are not mandated by Title XIX of the
14 social security act unless there is a specific appropriation for these
15 services. Services included in an individualized education program for
16 a handicapped child under RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100 shall not
17 qualify as medical assistance prior to the implementation of the
18 funding process developed under RCW 74.09.524.

19 (2) The department shall amend the state plan for medical
20 assistance under Title XIX of the federal social security act to
21 include personal care services, as defined in 42 C.F.R. 440.170(f), in
22 the categorically needy program.

23 (3) The department shall adopt, amend, or rescind such
24 administrative rules as are necessary to ensure that Title XIX personal
25 care services are provided to eligible persons in conformance with
26 federal regulations.

27 (a) These administrative rules shall include financial eligibility
28 indexed according to the requirements of the social security act
29 providing for medicaid eligibility.

1 (b) The rules shall require clients be assessed as having a medical
2 condition requiring assistance with personal care tasks. Plans of care
3 must be approved by a physician and reviewed by a nurse every ninety
4 days.

5 (4) The department shall design and implement a means to assess the
6 level of functional disability of persons eligible for personal care
7 services under this section. The personal care services benefit shall
8 be provided to the extent funding is available according to the
9 assessed level of functional disability. Any reductions in services
10 made necessary for funding reasons should be accomplished in a manner
11 that assures that priority for maintaining services is given to persons
12 with the greatest need as determined by the assessment of functional
13 disability.

14 (5) The department shall report to the appropriate fiscal
15 committees of the legislature on the utilization and associated costs
16 of the personal care option under Title XIX of the federal social
17 security act, as defined in 42 C.F.R. 440.170(f), in the categorically
18 needy program. This report shall be submitted by January 1, 1990, and
19 submitted on a yearly basis thereafter.

20 (6) Effective July 1, 1989, the department shall offer hospice
21 services in accordance with available funds. The hospice benefit under
22 this section shall terminate on June 30, 1993, unless extended by the
23 legislature.

24 (7) The department shall offer chiropractic services as defined in
25 chapter 18.25 RCW. The department may adopt by rule such measures as
26 peer review, utilization review, care plans, or limitation of treatment
27 to assure that needs are met at the least cost.