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1 AN ACT Relating to health coverage offered to employers prohibiting
2 individual exclusions from coverage based solely on medical condition
3 or health status; adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a
4 new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
5 48.46 RCW.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 An insurer offering employer-sponsored group coverage is prohibited
10 from excluding individuals otherwise eligible for coverage based solely
11 on the medical condition or health status of the individuals. When
12 determining the acceptance or rejection of an employer-sponsored group
13 making application for coverage, insurers shall make the determinations
14 for the entire group of eligible employees, and may not exclude

1 individuals otherwise eligible based solely on medical condition or
2 health status.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 A health care service contractor offering employer-sponsored group
6 coverage is prohibited from excluding individuals otherwise eligible
7 for coverage based solely on the medical condition or health status of
8 the individuals. When determining the acceptance or rejection of an
9 employer-sponsored group making application for coverage, health care
10 service contractors shall make the determinations for the entire group
11 of eligible employees, and may not exclude individuals otherwise
12 eligible based solely on medical condition or health status.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 A health maintenance organization offering employer-sponsored group
16 coverage is prohibited from excluding individuals otherwise eligible
17 for coverage based solely on the medical condition or health status of
18 the individuals. When determining the acceptance or rejection of an
19 employer-sponsored group making application for coverage, health
20 maintenance organizations shall make the determinations for the entire
21 group of eligible employees, and may not exclude individuals otherwise
22 eligible based solely on medical condition or health status.