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By Representative Morris

On page 64, line 37 of the amendment, strike subsection (b) and insert:

"(b) By January 1, 1995, the department shall develop a standard set of health services available for inmates in correctional facilities consistent with the schedule of services that meets the coverage for subsidized enrollees in the basic health plan, pursuant to RCW 70.47. The services for incarcerated inmates shall exceed the level of services available under the basic health plan for subsidized enrollees only to the extent that they have been identified by the secretary as medically necessary. At such time as the legislature adopts a uniform benefits package pursuant to RCW 43.72.130, the department shall replace the schedule of services for incarcerated inmates with the health care services allowed under the uniform benefits package. The uniform benefits package of services for incarcerated inmates shall exceed the services available under the uniform benefits package only to the extent that they have been identified as medically necessary and appropriate supplemental benefits and services by the secretary."

EFFECT: Replaces a proposed proviso relating to the development of a set of standard health benefits for inmates with a new one that addresses both the use of the basic health plan as a benchmark as well as the uniform benefits package when it is developed. In addition, moves the date of development forward from July 1, 1995 to January 1, 1995.