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1   AN ACT Relating to nursing home assistance; adding new sections to
2 chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the family is the
5 main unit for support of the individual family members.   The
6 legislature finds that a number of residents living in nursing homes in
7 the state of Washington are supported through medicaid. Some of the
8 nursing home residents could be provided for in the homes of family
9 members if the state would provide appropriate financial assistance.
10 The legislature further finds that family members are often willing to
11 live with and take care of those who might otherwise need to live in a
12 nursing home, but the family is unable to bear the financial burden.
13 It may frequently be less expensive to support a family member in the
14 family home than to provide a nursing home bed. It is the intent of
15 the legislature to help support families in their desire to stay
16 together when the cost of nursing and medical care might otherwise
17 prevent it.

1   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
 2 to read as follows:
 3   A person who is eligible for nursing home assistance under this
 4 chapter, but who resides with a relative is eligible to receive
 5 reimbursement for equivalent care provided in the home pursuant to
 6 rules established by the secretary.

 7   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
 8 to read as follows:
 9   The secretary shall develop rules that address quality assurance,
10 fiscal accountability, and evidence that the medical care of eligible
11 recipients is being provided by appropriate health care professionals.

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