
SENATE BILL 5728

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By Senator Rinehart

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1 AN ACT Relating to family planning services; and amending RCW
2 74.09.790 and 74.09.800.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.790 and 1990 c 151 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout RCW 74.09.760 through 74.09.820 and
8 74.09.510:

9 (1) "At-risk eligible person" means an eligible person determined
10 by the department to need special assistance in applying for and
11 obtaining maternity care, including pregnant women who are substance
12 abusers, pregnant and parenting adolescents, pregnant minority women,
13 and other eligible persons who need special assistance in gaining
14 access to the maternity care system.

15 (2) "County authority" means the board of county commissioners,
16 county council, or county executive having the authority to participate
17 in the maternity care access program or its designee. Two or more
18 county authorities may enter into joint agreements to fulfill the
19 requirements of this chapter.

1 (3) "Department" means the department of social and health
2 services.

3 (4) "Eligible person" means a woman in need of maternity care or
4 a child, who is eligible for medical assistance pursuant to this
5 chapter or the prenatal care program administered by the department.

6 (5) "Maternity care services" means inpatient and outpatient
7 medical care, case management, and support services necessary during
8 prenatal, delivery, and postpartum periods.

9 (6) "Support services" means, at least, public health nursing
10 assessment and follow-up, health and childbirth education,
11 psychological assessment and counseling, outreach services, nutritional
12 assessment and counseling, needed vitamin and nonprescriptive drugs,
13 transportation, and child care. Support services may include alcohol
14 and substance abuse treatment for pregnant women who are addicted or at
15 risk of being addicted to alcohol or drugs to the extent funds are made
16 available for that purpose.

17 (7) "Family planning services" means planning of the number of
18 one's children by use of birth-control techniques.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 74.09.800 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 10 s 5 are each amended
20 to read as follows:

21 The department shall, consistent with the state budget act, develop
22 a maternity care access program designed to ensure healthy birth
23 outcomes as follows:

24 (1) Provide maternity care services to low-income pregnant women
25 and health care services to children in poverty to the maximum extent
26 allowable under the medical assistance program, Title XIX of the
27 federal social security act;

28 (2) Provide maternity care services to low-income women who are not
29 eligible to receive such services under the medical assistance program,
30 Title XIX of the federal social security act;

31 (3) By January 1, 1990, have the following procedures in place to
32 improve access to maternity care services and eligibility
33 determinations for pregnant women applying for maternity care services
34 under the medical assistance program, Title XIX of the federal social
35 security act:

36 (a) Use of a shortened and simplified application form;

37 (b) Outstationing department staff to make eligibility
38 determinations;

1 (c) Establishing local plans at the county and regional level,
2 coordinated by the department; and

3 (d) Conducting an interview for the purpose of determining medical
4 assistance eligibility within five working days of the date of an
5 application by a pregnant woman and making an eligibility determination
6 within fifteen working days of the date of application by a pregnant
7 woman;

8 (4) Establish a maternity care case management system that shall
9 assist at-risk eligible persons with obtaining medical assistance
10 benefits and receiving maternity care services, including
11 transportation and child care services;

12 (5) Within available resources, establish appropriate reimbursement
13 levels for maternity care providers;

14 (6) Implement a broad-based public education program that stresses
15 the importance of obtaining maternity care early during pregnancy;

16 ~~(7) ((Study the desirability and feasibility of implementing the
17 presumptive eligibility provisions set forth in section 9407 of the
18 federal omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1986 and report to the
19 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 1989; and~~

20 ~~(8))~~ Refer persons eligible for maternity care services under the
21 program established by this section to persons, agencies, or
22 organizations with maternity care service practices that primarily
23 emphasize healthy birth outcomes; and

24 (8) To the extent of available funds:

25 (a) Family planning services may be provided to women who were
26 receiving medical assistance under the maternity care access program or
27 who were eligible only for emergency labor and delivery services at the
28 time the pregnancy ended.

29 (b) Coverage for family planning services shall continue through
30 the last day of the sixth month following the month pregnancy ends.

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