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1 AN ACT Relating to legislator health care coverage under the basic
2 health plan; and amending RCW 41.05.011 and 70.47.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.05.011 and 1990 c 222 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section shall apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Administrator" means the administrator of the authority.

9 (2) "State purchased health care" or "health care" means medical
10 and health care, pharmaceuticals, and medical equipment purchased with
11 state and federal funds by the department of social and health
12 services, the department of health, the basic health plan, the state
13 health care authority, the department of labor and industries, the
14 department of corrections, the department of veterans affairs, and
15 local school districts.

16 (3) "Authority" means the Washington state health care authority.

17 (4) "Insuring entity" means an insurance carrier as defined in
18 chapter 48.21 or 48.22 RCW, a health care service contractor as defined

1 in chapter 48.44 RCW, or a health maintenance organization as defined
2 in chapter 48.46 RCW.

3 (5) "Flexible benefit plan" means a benefit plan that allows
4 employees to choose the level of health care coverage provided and the
5 amount of employee contributions from among a range of choices offered
6 by the authority.

7 (6) "Employee" includes all full-time and career seasonal employees
8 of the state, whether or not covered by civil service; elected and
9 appointed officials of the executive branch of government, including
10 full-time members of boards, commissions, or committees; and includes
11 any or all part-time and temporary employees under the terms and
12 conditions established under this chapter by the authority; justices of
13 the supreme court and judges of the court of appeals and the superior
14 courts; and members of the (~~state legislature or of the~~) legislative
15 authority of any county, city, or town who are elected to office after
16 February 20, 1970. "Employee" also includes employees of a county,
17 municipality, or other political subdivision of the state if the
18 legislative authority of the county, municipality, or other political
19 subdivision of the state seeks and receives the approval of the
20 authority to provide any of its insurance programs by contract with the
21 authority, as provided in RCW 41.04.205, and employees of a school
22 district if the board of directors of the school district seeks and
23 receives the approval of the authority to provide any of its insurance
24 programs by contract with the authority as provided in RCW 28A.400.350.

25 (7) "Board" means the state employees' benefits board established
26 under RCW 41.05.055.

27 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.47.020 and 1987 1st ex.s. c 5 s 4 are each amended
28 to read as follows:

29 As used in this chapter:

30 (1) "Washington basic health plan" or "plan" means the system of
31 enrollment and payment on a prepaid capitated basis for basic health
32 care services, administered by the plan administrator through
33 participating managed health care systems, created by this chapter.

34 (2) "Administrator" means the Washington basic health plan
35 administrator.

36 (3) "Managed health care system" means any health care
37 organization, including health care providers, insurers, health care
38 service contractors, health maintenance organizations, or any

1 combination thereof, that provides directly or by contract basic health
2 care services, as defined by the administrator and rendered by duly
3 licensed providers, on a prepaid capitated basis to a defined patient
4 population enrolled in the plan and in the managed health care system.

5 (4) "Enrollee" means: An individual, or an individual plus the
6 individual's spouse and/or dependent children, all under the age of
7 sixty-five and not otherwise eligible for medicare, who resides in an
8 area of the state served by a managed health care system participating
9 in the plan, whose gross family income at the time of enrollment does
10 not exceed twice the federal poverty level as adjusted for family size
11 and determined annually by the federal department of health and human
12 services, who chooses to obtain basic health care coverage from a
13 particular managed health care system in return for periodic payments
14 to the plan; and members of the state legislature.

15 (5) "Subsidy" means the difference between the amount of periodic
16 payment the administrator makes, from funds appropriated from the basic
17 health plan trust account, to a managed health care system on behalf of
18 an enrollee and the amount determined to be the enrollee's
19 responsibility under RCW 70.47.060(2).

20 (6) "Premium" means a periodic payment, based upon gross family
21 income and determined under RCW 70.47.060(2), which an enrollee makes
22 to the plan as consideration for enrollment in the plan.

23 (7) "Rate" means the per capita amount, negotiated by the
24 administrator with and paid to a participating managed health care
25 system, that is based upon the enrollment of enrollees in the plan and
26 in that system.

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