
SENATE BILL 6069

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By Senator Franklin

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1 AN ACT Relating to eligibility for health insurance coverage; and
2 amending RCW 48.41.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.41.100 and 1995 c 34 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Any individual person who is a resident of this state is
7 eligible for coverage (~~upon providing evidence of rejection for~~
8 ~~medical reasons, a requirement of restrictive riders, an up-rated~~
9 ~~premium, or a preexisting conditions limitation on health insurance,~~
10 ~~the effect of which is to substantially reduce coverage from that~~
11 ~~received by a person considered a standard risk, by at least one member~~
12 ~~within six months of the date of application. Evidence of rejection~~
13 ~~may be waived in accordance with rules adopted by the board)) if they
14 are unable to obtain a substantially equivalent health plan at a rate
15 less than or equal to that rate charged by the pool under RCW
16 48.21.200.~~

17 (2) The following persons are not eligible for coverage by the
18 pool:

1 (a) Any person having terminated coverage in the pool unless (i)
2 twelve months have lapsed since termination, or (ii) that person can
3 show continuous other coverage which has been involuntarily terminated
4 for any reason other than nonpayment of premiums;

5 (b) Any person on whose behalf the pool has paid out five hundred
6 thousand dollars in benefits;

7 (c) Inmates of public institutions and persons whose benefits are
8 duplicated under public programs.

9 (3) Any person whose health insurance coverage is involuntarily
10 terminated for any reason other than nonpayment of premium may apply
11 for coverage under the plan.

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