
HOUSE BILL 2225

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1 AN ACT Relating to the relationship between basic health plan
2 enrollment levels and the expenditure of funds deposited into the
3 health services account under RCW 82.24.028 and 82.26.028; amending RCW
4 43.72.900; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.72.900 and 2002 c 371 s 909 and 2002 c 2 s 2
7 (Initiative Measure No. 773) are each amended to read as follows:

8 (1) The health services account is created in the state treasury.
9 Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Subject
10 to the transfers described in subsection (3) of this section, moneys in
11 the account may be expended only for maintaining and expanding health
12 services access for low-income residents, maintaining and expanding the
13 public health system, maintaining and improving the capacity of the
14 health care system, containing health care costs, and the regulation,
15 planning, and administering of the health care system.

16 (2) Funds deposited into the health services account under RCW
17 82.24.028 and 82.26.028 shall be used solely as follows:

18 (a) Five million dollars for the state fiscal year beginning July
19 1, 2002, and five million dollars for the state fiscal year beginning

1 July 1, 2003, shall be appropriated by the legislature for programs
2 that effectively improve the health of low-income persons, including
3 efforts to reduce diseases and illnesses that harm low-income persons.
4 The department of health shall submit a report to the legislature on
5 March 1, 2002, evaluating the cost-effectiveness of programs that
6 improve the health of low-income persons and address diseases and
7 illnesses that disproportionately affect low-income persons, and making
8 recommendations to the legislature on which of these programs could
9 most effectively utilize the funds appropriated under this subsection.

10 (b) Ten percent of the funds deposited into the health services
11 account under RCW 82.24.028 and 82.26.028 remaining after the
12 appropriation under (a) of this subsection shall be transferred no less
13 frequently than annually by the treasurer to the tobacco prevention and
14 control account established by RCW 43.79.480. The funds transferred
15 shall be used exclusively for implementation of the Washington state
16 tobacco prevention and control plan and shall be used only to
17 supplement, and not supplant, funds in the tobacco prevention and
18 control account as of January 1, 2001, however, these funds may be used
19 to replace funds appropriated by the legislature for further
20 implementation of the Washington state tobacco prevention and control
21 plan for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001. For each state fiscal
22 year beginning on and after July 1, 2002, the legislature shall
23 appropriate no less than twenty-six million two hundred forty thousand
24 dollars from the tobacco prevention and control account for
25 implementation of the Washington state tobacco prevention and control
26 plan.

27 (c) Because of its demonstrated effectiveness in improving the
28 health of low-income persons and addressing illnesses and diseases that
29 harm low-income persons, the remainder of the funds deposited into the
30 health services account under RCW 82.24.028 and 82.26.028 shall be
31 appropriated solely for Washington basic health plan enrollment as
32 provided in chapter 70.47 RCW. ~~((Funds appropriated pursuant to this
33 subsection (2)(c) must supplement, and not supplant, the level of state
34 funding needed to support enrollment of a minimum of one hundred
35 twenty five thousand persons for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
36 2002, and every fiscal year thereafter. The health care authority may
37 enroll up to twenty thousand additional persons in the basic health
38 plan during the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, above the base level~~

1 ~~of one hundred twenty five thousand enrollees. The health care~~
2 ~~authority may enroll up to fifty thousand additional persons in the~~
3 ~~basic health plan during the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, above the~~
4 ~~base level of one hundred twenty five thousand enrollees. For each~~
5 ~~biennium beginning on and after July 1, 2005, the health care authority~~
6 ~~may enroll up to at least one hundred seventy five thousand~~
7 ~~enrollees.)) Funds appropriated under this subsection may be used to~~
8 support outreach and enrollment activities only to the extent necessary
9 to achieve the enrollment goals described in this section.

10 (3) Prior to expenditure for the purposes described in subsection
11 (2) of this section, funds deposited into the health services account
12 under RCW 82.24.028 and 82.26.028 shall first be transferred to the
13 following accounts to ensure the continued availability of previously
14 dedicated revenues for certain existing programs:

15 (a) To the violence reduction and drug enforcement account under
16 RCW 69.50.520, two million two hundred forty-nine thousand five hundred
17 dollars for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, four million
18 two hundred forty-eight thousand dollars for the state fiscal year
19 beginning July 1, 2002, seven million seven hundred eighty-nine
20 thousand dollars for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, six million
21 nine hundred thirty-two thousand dollars for the biennium beginning
22 July 1, 2005, and six million nine hundred thirty-two thousand dollars
23 for each biennium thereafter, as required by RCW 82.24.020(2);

24 (b) To the health services account under this section, nine million
25 seventy-seven thousand dollars for the state fiscal year beginning July
26 1, 2001, seventeen million one hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars
27 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, thirty-one million
28 seven hundred fifty-five thousand dollars for the biennium beginning
29 July 1, 2003, twenty-eight million six hundred twenty-two thousand
30 dollars for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and twenty-eight
31 million six hundred twenty-two thousand dollars for each biennium
32 thereafter, as required by RCW 82.24.020(3); and

33 (c) To the water quality account under RCW 70.146.030, two million
34 two hundred three thousand five hundred dollars for the state fiscal
35 year beginning July 1, 2001, four million two hundred forty-four
36 thousand dollars for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002,
37 eight million one hundred eighty-two thousand dollars for the biennium
38 beginning July 1, 2003, seven million eight hundred eighty-five

1 thousand dollars for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and seven
2 million eight hundred eighty-five thousand dollars for each biennium
3 thereafter, as required by RCW 82.24.027(2)(a).

4 During the 2001-2003 fiscal biennium, the legislature may transfer
5 from the health services account such amounts as reflect the excess
6 fund balance of the account.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is intended to apply retroactively
8 to January 1, 2002.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
12 immediately.

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