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By Senators Pridemore, Keiser, McDermott, Hatfield, Kohl-Welles, and Pflug

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing medical coverage for smoking cessation  
2 programs; and adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 The department shall provide coverage under this chapter for  
7 smoking cessation counseling services, as well as prescription and  
8 nonprescription agents when used to promote smoking cessation, so long  
9 as such agents otherwise meet the definition of "covered outpatient  
10 drug" in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396r-8(k). No prior authorization is required  
11 for coverage of counseling services or smoking cessation medications.  
12 However, the department may initiate an individualized inquiry and  
13 determine and implement by rule appropriate coverage limitations as may  
14 be required to discourage waste or address instances of fraud or abuse  
15 by a person receiving services under this chapter.

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