

SB 5585-S - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/14/2007)

Provides that, in order to promote healthy birth outcomes and reduce the number of unintended pregnancies, Washington state reaffirms its commitment to encourage health plan coverage of family planning as an essential component of the health care system and to provide public health funding for preventive family planning services for women and men with family incomes up to two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level.

Provides that, within funds appropriated specifically for this purpose, the department of health shall provide, through its contracted local family planning agencies, family planning services to women and men in accordance with eligibility requirements established by the department. Funds appropriated to the department for this purpose shall be used to provide family planning services to men and women not otherwise eligible for family planning services under the medicaid program administered under chapter 74.09 RCW, and for family planning services not otherwise covered by the medicaid program under chapter 74.09 RCW.