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SENATE BILL 6812

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By Senators Pflug and Parlette

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing health carriers to offer plans
- 2 equivalent to the basic health plan; adding a new section to chapter
- 3 48.43 RCW; and declaring an emergency.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW 6 to read as follows:
 - Health carriers may offer a health benefit plan that is actuarially equivalent to the same schedule of covered basic health care services
- 9 established by the administrator of the health care authority for
- 10 nonsubsidized enrollees. The health benefit plan may include physician
- 11 services, inpatient and outpatient hospital services, prescription
- 12 drugs and medications, and other services that may be necessary for
- 13 basic health care. Health carriers must be subject to the same
- 14 provisions of Title 48 RCW as required of the Washington basic health
- 15 care plan under RCW 70.47.130.

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- 16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

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- 1 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
- 2 immediately.

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