
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2153

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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Habib, Tarleton, Ross, Green, Morrell, Springer, Tharinger, Jinkins, Goodman, Van De Wege, Clibborn, Fey, and Riccelli)

READ FIRST TIME 01/28/14.

1 AN ACT Relating to the treatment of eosinophilic gastrointestinal
2 associated disorders; adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Each health benefit plan offered to public employees and their
8 covered dependents under this chapter that is not subject to chapter
9 48.43 RCW and that is issued or renewed after December 31, 2015, must
10 offer benefits or coverage for medically necessary elemental formula,
11 regardless of delivery method, when a licensed physician or other
12 health care provider with prescriptive authority:

13 (a) Diagnoses a patient with an eosinophilic gastrointestinal
14 associated disorder; and

15 (b) Orders and supervises the use of the elemental formula.

16 (2) Nothing in this section prohibits a health benefit plan from
17 requiring prior authorization or imposing other appropriate utilization
18 controls in approving coverage for medically necessary elemental
19 formula.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) Each health benefit plan issued or renewed after December 31,
4 2015, must offer benefits or coverage for medically necessary elemental
5 formula, regardless of delivery method, when a licensed physician or
6 other health care provider with prescriptive authority:

7 (a) Diagnoses a patient with an eosinophilic gastrointestinal
8 associated disorder; and

9 (b) Orders and supervises the use of the elemental formula.

10 (2) Nothing in this section prohibits a health benefit plan from
11 requiring prior authorization or imposing other appropriate utilization
12 controls in approving coverage for medically necessary elemental
13 formula.

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