

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6419**

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63rd Legislature  
2014 Regular Session

MEDICAL CARE ACCESS--BORDER COMMUNITIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/12/14

Passed by the Senate February 12, 2014  
YEAS 48 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 5, 2014  
YEAS 93 NAYS 4

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved March 17, 2014, 3:28 p.m.

JAY INSLEE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6419** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

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**Secretary**

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**By** Senators Cleveland, Benton, Keiser, Darneille, Frockt, Billig, Chase, Rolfes, Nelson, Dammeier, Fraser, Eide, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Pedersen, Hargrove, Ranker, Conway, and McAuliffe

Read first time 01/24/14. Referred to Committee on Health Care .

1            AN ACT Relating to medicaid programs and expanding access to care  
2 in border communities; 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            (1) The legislature finds that the authority and the department  
7 purchase or contract for the delivery of medicaid programs, including  
8 medical services with the managed care plans under this chapter, mental  
9 health services with regional support networks or other contractors  
10 under chapter 71.24 RCW, chemical dependency services under chapters  
11 74.50 and 70.96A RCW, and long-term care services under chapter 74.39A  
12 RCW.

13            (2) The authority and department must collaborate and seek  
14 opportunities to expand access to care for enrollees in the medicaid  
15 programs identified in subsection (1) of this section living in border  
16 communities that may require contractual agreements with providers  
17 across the state border when care is appropriate, available, and cost-  
18 effective.

1           (3) All authority and department contracts for medicaid services  
2 issued or renewed after July 1, 2014, must include provisions that  
3 allow for care to be accessed cross-border ensuring timely access to  
4 necessary care, including inpatient and outpatient services. The  
5 contracts must include reciprocal arrangements that allow Washington,  
6 Oregon, and Idaho border residents to access care when care is  
7 appropriate, available, and cost-effective.

8           (4) The agencies must jointly report to the health care committees  
9 and fiscal committees of the legislature by November 1, 2014, with an  
10 update on the contractual opportunities and the anticipated impacts on  
11 patient access to timely care, the impact on the availability of  
12 inpatient and outpatient services, and the fiscal implications for the  
13 medicaid programs.

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