

ESSB 6168 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5090.3/20) **1735**

By Representative Cody

ADOPTED 02/28/2020

1 On page 130, line 36, increase the general fund-state
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2021 by \$14,492,000

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4 On page 130, line 38, increase the general fund-federal
5 appropriation by \$29,130,000

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7 On page 131, line 18, correct the total.

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9 On page 151, after line 24, insert the following:

10 "(63) \$14,492,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
11 fiscal year 2021 and \$29,130,000 of the general fund—federal
12 appropriation are provided solely to maintain and increase access
13 for primary care services for medicaid-enrolled patients through
14 increased provider rates. Within the amounts provided in this
15 subsection: (a) The authority must raise the state fee-for-service
16 rates for primary care services that are reimbursed solely at the
17 existing medical assistance rates, furnished by a nurse
18 practitioner, naturopath, physician assistant, osteopathic physician
19 assistant, physician, or osteopathic physician, by twenty-five
20 percent except that the state medicaid rate may not exceed the
21 published medicare rate or an equivalent relative value unit rate if
22 a published medicare rate is not available; and (b) the authority
23 must require in contracts with managed care organizations that,
24 beginning in calendar year 2021, they pay no lower than the
25 fee-for-service rate for these codes and managed care capitation
26 rates must be adjusted accordingly. The authority must apply
27 reimbursement rates required under this subsection to payment codes

1 in a manner consistent with the temporary increase in medicaid
2 reimbursement rates under federal rules and guidance in effect on
3 January 1, 2014, implementing the patient protection and affordable
4 care act, except that the authority may not require provider
5 attestations."
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EFFECT: Increases funding for the Health Care Authority to maintain and increase access for primary care services for Medicaid-enrolled patients through increased provider rates.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund - State by \$14,492,000.

Increases General Fund - Federal by \$29,130,000.

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