
SENATE BILL 5976

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By Senators Rolfes, Kuderer, and Walsh

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1 AN ACT Relating to the access to baby and child dentistry program
2 for children with disabilities; and amending RCW 74.09.390.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.390 and 2018 c 156 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
7 specific purpose, the authority shall expand the access to baby and
8 child dentistry (ABCD) program to include eligible children ~~((with~~
9 ~~disabilities))~~ as ~~((eligible))~~ clients.

10 (2) Once enrolled in the program, eligible children ~~((with~~
11 ~~disabilities))~~ must be covered until their thirteenth birthday.

12 (3) Eligible children ~~((with—disabilities))~~ enrolled in the
13 program shall receive all services and benefits received by program
14 clients.

15 (4) The authority shall pay enhanced fees for program services
16 provided to eligible children ~~((with—disabilities))~~ enrolled in the
17 program to dentists, primary care providers, and dental hygienists
18 certified to provide program services ~~((to—children—with~~
19 ~~disabilities))~~. To receive certification to provide program services
20 to eligible children ~~((with—disabilities))~~, a dentist, primary care
21 provider, or dental hygienist must:

1 (a) Be licensed under Title 18 RCW; and
2 (b) Complete a course on treating eligible children ((with
3 ~~disabilities~~)) as defined by the authority in rule.
4 (5) On or before December 15, 2018, and on or before December 15,
5 2019, the authority, in consultation with any organizations
6 administering the program, shall provide a report, in compliance with
7 RCW 43.01.036, to the health care and fiscal committees of the
8 legislature, to include:
9 (a) The number of dentists, primary care providers, and dental
10 hygienists participating in the program; and
11 (b) The number of eligible children ((with~~disabilities~~)) who
12 received treatment through the program.
13 (6) For purposes of this section:
14 (a) "Eligible children ((with~~disabilities~~)" means all
15 individuals who meet clinical criteria established by the authority,
16 who are under the age of thirteen with a disability attributable to
17 intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or another
18 neurological condition closely related to an intellectual disability
19 or that requires treatment similar to that required for persons with
20 intellectual disabilities, which has continued or can be expected to
21 continue indefinitely, and which constitutes a substantial limitation
22 to such individual, who are eligible for one of the following medical
23 assistance programs:
24 (i) Categorically needy program;
25 (ii) Limited casualty program-medically needy program;
26 (iii) Children's health program; or
27 (iv) State children's health insurance program.
28 (b) "Program" means the access to baby and child dentistry
29 program as established by WAC 182-535-1245 or successor rule.

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