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1 AN ACT Relating to the availability of prevention services under
2 medical assistance programs; adding a new section to chapter 74.09
3 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 43.70 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 74.09
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) By July 1, 2025, the authority shall seek approval from the
8 federal centers for medicare and medicaid services to secure federal
9 financial participation in the costs of providing prevention services
10 through timely interventions, including community violence prevention
11 services, to the extent permitted by federal law, to any person
12 enrolled in a medical assistance program pursuant to this chapter.
13 The prevention services must be evidence-informed, trauma-informed,
14 supportive, and nonpsychotherapeutic services for the purpose of
15 promoting improved health outcomes, trauma recovery, and positive
16 behavioral change.

17 (2) The authority shall adopt criteria to authorize any health
18 care provider to provide prevention services under subsection (1) of
19 this section if the health care provider:

1 (a) Is a health care provider licensed by a disciplining
2 authority under RCW 18.130.040 with an appropriate scope of practice
3 to provide prevention services;

4 (b) Submits proof of successful completion of a prevention
5 services training course provided by a program approved by the
6 department of health under section 2 of this act; and

7 (c) Submits sufficient documentation as determined by the
8 authority.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 The department shall establish training program standards for
12 educational programs that train health care providers licensed by a
13 disciplining authority under RCW 18.130.040 with an appropriate scope
14 of practice to provide prevention services identified under section 1
15 of this act. The department shall approve training programs that meet
16 the standards which must, at a minimum, include instruction in basic
17 trauma-informed care, community-based prevention strategies, case
18 management, referral practices, advocacy practices, and state and
19 federal privacy requirements. Training programs may be private or
20 public entities that operate on a local, state, or national basis.
21 The department may adopt rules to establish the training program
22 standards.

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