CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1941

68th Legislature 2024 Regular Session

Passed by the House February 12, 2024 Yeas 97 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 1, 2024 Yeas 49 Nays 0

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1941** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Approved

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Secretary of State State of Washington

Governor of the State of Washington

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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Couture, Schmidt, Reed, Graham, Barnard, Kloba, Cheney, Riccelli, Pollet, Griffey, and Jacobsen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/24.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing for health home services for 2 medicaid-eligible children with medically complex conditions; adding 3 a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

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<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that:

6 (a) Children with medical complexity deserve coordinated and 7 effective care delivered in a high quality setting. Families should 8 be able to focus solely on their child's needs and not waste precious 9 time fighting a fragmented care system or the complexities of 10 medicaid;

(b) In 2019, the federal government adopted the advancing care for exceptional kids act to address these concerns. This law created a new health home model that will coordinate prompt care for children with medically complex conditions, develop an individualized, comprehensive, pediatric, family-centered care plan, coordinate access to subspecialized care, and coordinate appropriate care with out-of-state providers; and

18 (c) The federal law provides health homes with a higher federal 19 matching rate, making this proposal beneficial to Washington's 20 children with medical complexities while also being financially 21 prudent. 1 (2) The legislature, therefore, intends to actively support these 2 medically complex children by taking the steps necessary to implement 3 health homes in Washington.

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 74.09 5 RCW to read as follows:

By January 1, 2025, the authority shall submit a state plan amendment to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services to allow medicaid-eligible children with medically complex conditions to voluntarily enroll in a health home as provided in section 3 of the medicaid services investment and accountability act of 2019 (P.L. 11 116-16).

12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. If specific funding for the purposes of 13 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not 14 provided by June 30, 2024, in the omnibus appropriations act, this 15 act is null and void.

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