
SENATE BILL 5577

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By Senators Lias, Braun, Harris, Cleveland, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Holy, Kauffman, Lovelett, Nobles, Pedersen, Riccelli, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Valdez, and C. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to medicaid coverage for HIV antiviral drugs;
2 adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; providing an effective
3 date; and declaring an emergency.

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) The authority shall provide coverage under this chapter for
8 all federal food and drug administration approved HIV antiviral drugs
9 without prior authorization or step therapy. This coverage must be
10 provided to apple health clients enrolled in both fee-for-service and
11 managed care programs.

12 (2) Upon initiation or renewal of a contract with the authority
13 to administer a medicaid managed care plan, a managed health care
14 system shall provide coverage without prior authorization or step
15 therapy for all federal food and drug administration approved HIV
16 antiviral drugs.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
2 effect July 1, 2025.

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