
SENATE BILL 5981

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By Senators Prentice, Hargrove, Kohl, Heavey and Fairley

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1 AN ACT Relating to health care coverage for confined persons;
2 adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 48.46 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; adding a
4 new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
5 48.21 RCW.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 A health care service contractor may not deny, refuse to issue,
10 refuse to renew, cancel, or otherwise terminate coverage because a
11 person is an adult who is in confinement as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 or
12 a juvenile who is in confinement as defined in RCW 13.40.020.

13 A health care service contractor may not add a surcharge or a
14 rating factor to premiums because a person is an adult who is in
15 confinement as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 or a juvenile who is in
16 confinement as defined in RCW 13.40.020.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 A health maintenance organization may not deny, refuse to issue,
2 refuse to renew, cancel, or otherwise terminate coverage because a
3 person is an adult who is in confinement as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 or
4 a juvenile who is in confinement as defined in RCW 13.40.020.

5 A health maintenance organization may not add a surcharge or a
6 rating factor to premiums because a person is an adult who is in
7 confinement as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 or a juvenile who is in
8 confinement as defined in RCW 13.40.020.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 A certified health plan may not deny, refuse to issue, refuse to
12 renew, cancel, or otherwise terminate coverage because a person is an
13 adult who is in confinement as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 or a juvenile
14 who is in confinement as defined in RCW 13.40.020.

15 A certified health plan may not add a surcharge or a rating factor
16 to premiums because a person is an adult who is in confinement as
17 defined in RCW 9.94A.030 or a juvenile who is in confinement as defined
18 in RCW 13.40.020.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW
20 to read as follows:

21 A disability insurer may not deny, refuse to issue, refuse to
22 renew, cancel, or otherwise terminate coverage because a person is an
23 adult who is in confinement as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 or a juvenile
24 who is in confinement as defined in RCW 13.40.020.

25 A disability insurer may not add a surcharge or a rating factor to
26 premiums because a person is an adult who is in confinement as defined
27 in RCW 9.94A.030 or a juvenile who is in confinement as defined in RCW
28 13.40.020.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 A group and blanket disability insurer may not deny, refuse to
32 issue, refuse to renew, cancel, or otherwise terminate coverage because
33 a person is an adult who is in confinement as defined in RCW 9.94A.030
34 or a juvenile who is in confinement as defined in RCW 13.40.020.

35 A group and blanket disability insurer may not add a surcharge or
36 a rating factor to premiums because a person is an adult who is in

1 confinement as defined in RCW 9.94A.030 or a juvenile who is in
2 confinement as defined in RCW 13.40.020.

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