
SENATE BILL 5335

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By Senator Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to Norplant; and adding new sections to chapter
2 74.09 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department of social and health services, in consultation
7 with the office of family planning, shall develop and distribute
8 educational materials regarding the Norplant contraceptive device to
9 all medicaid providers planning to submit reimbursement for the
10 insertion or removal of the device. The educational materials must be
11 equivalent in content to the materials made available to clients of the
12 office of family planning.

13 (2) The educational materials prepared under subsection (1) of this
14 section must be prepared at an appropriate reading comprehension level
15 and in languages other than English that will provide information to
16 medicaid clients regarding at least all of the following:

- 17 (a) Insertion and removal procedures;
18 (b) The duration and effectiveness of the insert;

1 (c) The estimated percentage of the insert's efficiency as a
2 contraceptive device; and

3 (d) Possible side effects, and the degree of seriousness of the
4 side effects.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department of social and health services, in consultation with
8 the office of family planning, shall:

9 (1) Establish a program to make available the Norplant
10 contraceptive implant, or another functionally equivalent contraceptive
11 that provides similar long-lasting pregnancy prevention that has been
12 approved by the secretary for this program, to each female public
13 assistance recipient who is able to become pregnant and who is
14 receiving aid to families with dependent children. Each of these
15 public assistance recipients who has the Norplant contraceptive or
16 other functionally equivalent contraceptive, implanted under this
17 program is eligible to receive under this program a special financial
18 assistance grant in the amount of five hundred dollars and a special
19 annual financial assistance grant in the amount of fifty dollars during
20 the period that the contraceptive remains implanted and continues to be
21 effective in preventing pregnancy. The program must provide for
22 examinations by health care providers to provide for the health and
23 safety of public assistance recipients who are to have the
24 contraceptive implanted under the program;

25 (2) Publicize the program established under this section among all
26 public assistance recipients who are eligible to participate in the
27 program;

28 (3) Specifically provide information individually to each eligible
29 public assistance recipient at least semiannually and to each eligible
30 public assistance recipient who gives birth within thirty days after
31 the birth; and

32 (4) Adopt rules for the administration of the program established
33 under this section, including appropriate requirements and procedures
34 for examinations and consultations by public assistance recipients with
35 health care providers to assure continued eligibility for grants under
36 the program.

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