
HOUSE BILL 2408

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1 AN ACT Relating to industrial insurance medical aid benefits
2 provided by self-insured employers; and adding new sections to chapter
3 51.14 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 51.14 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Beginning January 1, 1997, a self-insured employer may elect to
8 provide the medical aid benefits required under this title through a
9 health care benefit plan self-funded by the employer to provide general
10 health care benefits to employees. A self-insurer electing this
11 option:

12 (1) Must provide notice of the election to the department in a
13 manner prescribed by department rules;

14 (2) Must ensure that injured workers are provided with medical
15 benefits at least equivalent to the medical aid benefits required under
16 this title;

17 (3) May not require premium sharing or deductibles, coinsurance,
18 copayment, or other cost-sharing for services related to industrial
19 injuries or diseases; and

1 (4) Except as provided in this section, is not relieved of any
2 obligation, liability, or restriction imposed by this title.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 51.14 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The department of labor and industries may adopt rules necessary to
6 implement section 1 of this act.

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