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**SENATE BILL 5752**

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**By** Senators McDonald, Craswell and Niemi; by request of Office of Financial Management and Dept. of Social & Health Services.

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the deductible for medical care under  
2 the limited casualty program; amending RCW 74.09.700; providing an  
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.700 and 1989 c 87 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) To the extent of available funds, medical care may be provided  
8 under the limited casualty program to persons not otherwise eligible  
9 for medical assistance or medical care services who are medically needy  
10 as defined in the social security Title XIX state plan and medical  
11 indigents in accordance with medical eligibility requirements  
12 established by the department. This includes residents of skilled  
13 nursing homes, intermediate care facilities, and intermediate care  
14 facilities for the mentally retarded who are aged, blind, or disabled

1 as defined in Title XVI of the federal social security act and whose  
2 income exceeds three hundred percent of the federal supplement security  
3 income benefit level.

4 (2) Determination of the amount, scope, and duration of medical  
5 coverage under the limited casualty program shall be the responsibility  
6 of the department, subject to the following:

7 (a) Only inpatient hospital services; outpatient hospital and rural  
8 health clinic services; physicians' and clinic services; prescribed  
9 drugs, dentures, prosthetic devices, and eyeglasses; skilled nursing  
10 home services, intermediate care facility services, and intermediate  
11 care facility services for the mentally retarded; home health services;  
12 other laboratory and x-ray services; rehabilitative services; medically  
13 necessary transportation; and other services for which funds are  
14 specifically provided in the omnibus appropriations act shall be  
15 covered;

16 (b) Persons who are medically indigent and are not eligible for a  
17 federal aid program shall satisfy a deductible of not less than one  
18 hundred dollars nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars in any  
19 twelve-month period;

20 (c) Medical care services provided to the medically indigent and  
21 received no more than seven days prior to the date of application shall  
22 be retroactively certified and approved for payment on behalf of a  
23 person who was otherwise eligible at the time the medical services were  
24 furnished: PROVIDED, That eligible persons who fail to apply within  
25 the seven-day time period for medical reasons or other good cause may  
26 be retroactively certified and approved for payment.

27 (3) The department shall establish standards of assistance and  
28 resource and income exemptions. All nonexempt income and resources of  
29 limited casualty program recipients shall be applied against the cost  
30 of their medical care services.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**        This act is necessary for the immediate  
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
4 effect July 1, 1991.