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1 AN ACT Relating to public assistance medical care for treatment of
2 ailments of the human foot; and adding new sections to chapter 74.09
3 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 74.09 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The legislature finds that the treatment of foot conditions by
8 podiatric physicians is a cost-effective means of providing foot care
9 services. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature that state-
10 funded programs include coverage for treatment by podiatric physicians
11 on the same terms and conditions as other physicians providing foot
12 care services.

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

3 When medical assistance, medical care, or medical care services,
4 including physician's services, are provided under this chapter for the
5 treatment of ailments of the human foot, the treatment shall be
6 performed by a podiatric physician licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW, an
7 osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, or a medical
8 physician under chapter 18.71 RCW, acting within their respective scope
9 of licensure.