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1 AN ACT Relating to health care for persons receiving public
2 assistance; and amending RCW 74.09.520.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.520 and 1991 sp.s. c 8 s 9 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The term "medical assistance" may include the following care
7 and services: (a) Inpatient hospital services; (b) outpatient hospital
8 services; (c) other laboratory and x-ray services; (d) nursing facility
9 services; (e) physicians' services, which shall include prescribed
10 medication and instruction on birth control devices; (f) medical care,
11 or any other type of remedial care as may be established by the
12 secretary; (g) home health care services; (h) private duty nursing
13 services; (i) dental services; (j) physical and occupational therapy
14 and related services; (k) prescribed drugs, dentures, and prosthetic
15 devices; and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases
16 of the eye or by an optometrist, whichever the individual may select;
17 (l) personal care services, as provided in this section; (m) hospice
18 services; (n) other diagnostic, screening, preventive, and
19 rehabilitative services; and (o) like services when furnished to a

1 handicapped child by a school district as part of an individualized
2 education program established pursuant to RCW 28A.155.010 through
3 28A.155.100. For the purposes of this section, the department may not
4 cut off any prescription medications, oxygen supplies, respiratory
5 services, or other life-sustaining medical services or supplies.

6 "Medical assistance," notwithstanding any other provision of law,
7 shall not include routine foot care, or dental services delivered by
8 any health care provider, that are not mandated by Title XIX of the
9 social security act unless there is a specific appropriation for these
10 services. Services included in an individualized education program for
11 a handicapped child under RCW 28A.155.010 through 28A.155.100 shall not
12 qualify as medical assistance prior to the implementation of the
13 funding process developed under RCW 74.09.524.

14 (2) The department shall amend the state plan for medical
15 assistance under Title XIX of the federal social security act to
16 include personal care services, as defined in 42 C.F.R. 440.170(f), in
17 the categorically needy program.

18 (3) The department shall adopt, amend, or rescind such
19 administrative rules as are necessary to ensure that Title XIX personal
20 care services are provided to eligible persons in conformance with
21 federal regulations.

22 (a) These administrative rules shall include financial eligibility
23 indexed according to the requirements of the social security act
24 providing for medicaid eligibility.

25 (b) The rules shall require clients be assessed as having a medical
26 condition requiring assistance with personal care tasks. Plans of care
27 must be approved by a physician and reviewed by a nurse every ninety
28 days.

29 (4) The department shall design and implement a means to assess the
30 level of functional disability of persons eligible for personal care
31 services under this section. The personal care services benefit shall
32 be provided to the extent funding is available according to the
33 assessed level of functional disability. Any reductions in services
34 made necessary for funding reasons should be accomplished in a manner
35 that assures that priority for maintaining services is given to persons
36 with the greatest need as determined by the assessment of functional
37 disability.

38 (5) The department shall report to the appropriate fiscal
39 committees of the legislature on the utilization and associated costs

1 of the personal care option under Title XIX of the federal social
2 security act, as defined in 42 C.F.R. 440.170(f), in the categorically
3 needy program. This report shall be submitted by January 1, 1990, and
4 submitted on a yearly basis thereafter.

5 (6) Effective July 1, 1989, the department shall offer hospice
6 services in accordance with available funds. The hospice benefit under
7 this section shall terminate on June 30, 1993, unless extended by the
8 legislature.

9 (7) The department shall offer chiropractic services as defined in
10 chapter 18.25 RCW. The department may adopt by rule such measures as
11 peer review, utilization review, care plans, or limitation of treatment
12 to assure that needs are met at the least cost.

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