
HOUSE BILL 3128

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By Representatives Dyer and Murray

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1 AN ACT Relating to health insurance coverage for persons with human
2 immunodeficiency virus; amending RCW 48.41.100; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 70.24 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 70.24 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department may expend funds from the human immunodeficiency
8 virus intervention program to purchase health insurance coverage for
9 persons with human immunodeficiency virus.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 48.41.100 and 1995 c 34 s 5 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) Any individual person who is a resident of this state is
13 eligible for coverage upon providing evidence of rejection for medical
14 reasons, a requirement of restrictive riders, an up-rated premium, or
15 a preexisting conditions limitation on health insurance, the effect of
16 which is to substantially reduce coverage from that received by a
17 person considered a standard risk, by at least one member within six
18 months of the date of application, or upon providing evidence of

1 diagnosis with human immunodeficiency virus. Evidence of rejection may
2 be waived in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

3 (2) The following persons are not eligible for coverage by the
4 pool:

5 (a) Any person having terminated coverage in the pool unless (i)
6 twelve months have lapsed since termination, or (ii) that person can
7 show continuous other coverage which has been involuntarily terminated
8 for any reason other than nonpayment of premiums;

9 (b) Any person on whose behalf the pool has paid out five hundred
10 thousand dollars in benefits;

11 (c) Inmates of public institutions and persons whose benefits are
12 duplicated under public programs.

13 (3) Any person whose health insurance coverage is involuntarily
14 terminated for any reason other than nonpayment of premium may apply
15 for coverage under the plan.

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