
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2663

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Alexander, Schual-Berke, Parlette, Cody, Reardon, Ericksen, Morris, Tokuda, Benson, Doumit, Pflug, Kessler, Ruderman, Rockefeller, Edmonds, Santos, O'Brien, Hurst and Esser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the distribution of atypical antipsychotic
2 medications to underserved populations; creating new sections; and
3 making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of social and health
6 services shall create a pilot program to provide atypical antipsychotic
7 medications to the following underserved populations who meet one or
8 more of these qualifications:

9 (a) Persons in crisis who are not medicaid eligible;

10 (b) Working poor under two hundred percent of the federal poverty
11 level and who are not medicaid eligible and need continued access to
12 antipsychotic medications;

13 (c) Persons transitioning from jail and from department of
14 corrections facilities to medicaid eligibility; and

15 (d) Persons in jail.

16 (2) This pilot program shall consist of not less than less than two
17 grants awarded to regional support networks.

18 (3) To be eligible for a grant under this program, the department
19 shall establish a competitive application process specifying the

1 population to be served and the reimbursement and distribution
2 mechanism to be used. The department shall evaluate the applications
3 and award grants based on programs that optimize the number of
4 individuals served within available resources.

5 (4) Funding for this program shall be used to provide these persons
6 with atypical antipsychotic medications and any associated laboratory
7 testing related to the use of these medications.

8 (5) Funding for this grant program is to be separate from the
9 regional support network allocation formula. The department shall
10 report to the legislature on the results of this program by December 1,
11 2001.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one million dollars, or as much
13 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund to
14 the department of social and health services for the fiscal year ending
15 June 30, 2001, to carry out the purposes of this act.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
17 act is not provided by June 30, 2000, in the omnibus appropriations
18 act, this act is null and void.

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