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1 AN ACT Relating to health care services; and adding a new section
2 to chapter 41.05 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Any state resident may purchase from the authority any plan
7 purchased for the public employees' benefit program or for the basic
8 health plan.

9 (2) The premium paid by each resident for health insurance coverage
10 under this section may not exceed the lowest cost the state paid to
11 purchase that plan in fiscal year 1999, except that the premium may be
12 adjusted to reflect changes in the implicit price deflator for all
13 items as determined by the office of financial management.

14 (3) No resident whose gross family income is less than the
15 equivalent of forty-five thousand dollars for a family of four, or
16 three hundred percent of the federal poverty level as periodically
17 adjusted for inflation, may be required to pay more than ten percent of
18 their gross family income to obtain coverage under this section.

1 (4) Any additional public funds that may be necessary to implement
2 this section shall be raised by the legislature through increases in
3 the tobacco tax as authorized under chapter 82.26 RCW.

4 (5) No public employee or basic health plan enrollee may be charged
5 more or receive fewer health benefits as a consequence of this section.

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