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By Senators Swecker, Hochstatter, Roach, Sheahan and Stevens

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1 AN ACT Relating to making unborn children eligible for the
2 children's health insurance program; and amending RCW 74.09.450.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.450 and 1999 c 370 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to create the children's
7 health insurance program, the benefits of which are not an entitlement,
8 to provide health care to children who are eligible for health care
9 coverage under Title XXI of the federal social security act.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section, "children's health insurance
11 program" means the program established in compliance with Title XXI of
12 the federal social security act for health care coverage of children:

13 (a) (~~Who are under~~) From conception until the age of nineteen; (b)
14 whose family income at the time of enrollment exceeds two hundred
15 percent, but does not exceed two hundred fifty percent, of the federal
16 poverty level as adjusted for family size and determined annually by
17 the federal department of health and human services; (c) who choose to
18 obtain health care coverage in return for periodic payments; and (d)
19 who are otherwise eligible under Title XXI.

1 (3) Consistent with appropriated funds, the department shall design
2 and administer the children's health insurance program under Title XXI
3 of the federal social security act. The benefit and cost-sharing
4 designs shall comply with Title XXI. The primary mechanism for
5 purchasing and delivery of health care for the program shall be through
6 contracts with managed health care systems as defined in RCW 74.09.522.
7 Consistent with Title XXI, the department may purchase health coverage
8 for uninsured children whose families have access to dependent
9 coverage.

10 (4) The department shall: Accept applications for enrollment in
11 the children's health insurance program; establish appropriate minimum-
12 enrollment periods, as may be necessary; and determine, upon
13 application and based on a reasonable schedule defined by the
14 department, eligibility due to current family income. No assistance
15 may be paid with respect to any children's health insurance enrollee
16 whose current family income is less than two hundred percent or greater
17 than two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level or, is not
18 otherwise eligible under Title XXI of the federal social security act.

19 (5) The department shall make every effort to obtain a change in
20 federal law such that the state of Washington is authorized to use its
21 children's health insurance program allotment to provide health care
22 coverage for children whose family income at the time of enrollment is
23 less than two hundred percent of the federal poverty level. By
24 December 1, 1999, the department shall report to the legislature
25 describing its efforts and the congressional response.

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