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By Representatives Sommers, Fromhold and Wallace; by request of Office of Financial Management

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1 AN ACT Relating to basic health care plan enrollment; amending RCW  
2 43.72.900; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.72.900 and 2002 c 371 s 909 and 2002 c 2 s 2  
5 (Initiative Measure No. 773) are each amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The health services account is created in the state treasury.  
7 Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Subject  
8 to the transfers described in subsection (3) of this section, moneys in  
9 the account may be expended only for maintaining and expanding health  
10 services access for low-income residents, maintaining and expanding the  
11 public health system, maintaining and improving the capacity of the  
12 health care system, containing health care costs, and the regulation,  
13 planning, and administering of the health care system.

14 (2) Funds deposited into the health services account under RCW  
15 82.24.028 and 82.26.028 shall be used solely as follows:

16 (a) Five million dollars for the state fiscal year beginning July  
17 1, 2002, and five million dollars for the state fiscal year beginning  
18 July 1, 2003, shall be appropriated by the legislature for programs  
19 that effectively improve the health of low-income persons, including

1 efforts to reduce diseases and illnesses that harm low-income persons.  
2 The department of health shall submit a report to the legislature on  
3 March 1, 2002, evaluating the cost-effectiveness of programs that  
4 improve the health of low-income persons and address diseases and  
5 illnesses that disproportionately affect low-income persons, and making  
6 recommendations to the legislature on which of these programs could  
7 most effectively utilize the funds appropriated under this subsection.

8 (b) Ten percent of the funds deposited into the health services  
9 account under RCW 82.24.028 and 82.26.028 remaining after the  
10 appropriation under (a) of this subsection shall be transferred no less  
11 frequently than annually by the treasurer to the tobacco prevention and  
12 control account established by RCW 43.79.480. The funds transferred  
13 shall be used exclusively for implementation of the Washington state  
14 tobacco prevention and control plan and shall be used only to  
15 supplement, and not supplant, funds in the tobacco prevention and  
16 control account as of January 1, 2001, however, these funds may be used  
17 to replace funds appropriated by the legislature for further  
18 implementation of the Washington state tobacco prevention and control  
19 plan for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001. For each state fiscal  
20 year beginning on and after July 1, 2002, the legislature shall  
21 appropriate no less than twenty-six million two hundred forty thousand  
22 dollars from the tobacco prevention and control account for  
23 implementation of the Washington state tobacco prevention and control  
24 plan.

25 (c) Because of its demonstrated effectiveness in improving the  
26 health of low-income persons and addressing illnesses and diseases that  
27 harm low-income persons, the remainder of the funds deposited into the  
28 health services account under RCW 82.24.028 and 82.26.028 shall be  
29 appropriated solely for Washington basic health plan enrollment as  
30 provided in chapter 70.47 RCW. ~~((Funds appropriated pursuant to this  
31 subsection (2)(c) must supplement, and not supplant, the level of state  
32 funding needed to support enrollment of a minimum of one hundred  
33 twenty five thousand persons for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
34 2002, and every fiscal year thereafter. The health care authority may  
35 enroll up to twenty thousand additional persons in the basic health  
36 plan during the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, above the base level  
37 of one hundred twenty five thousand enrollees. The health care  
38 authority may enroll up to fifty thousand additional persons in the~~

1 ~~basic health plan during the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, above the~~  
2 ~~base level of one hundred twenty five thousand enrollees. For each~~  
3 ~~biennium beginning on and after July 1, 2005, the health care authority~~  
4 ~~may enroll up to at least one hundred seventy five thousand~~  
5 ~~enrollees.))~~ Funds appropriated under this subsection may be used to  
6 support outreach and enrollment activities only to the extent necessary  
7 to achieve the enrollment goals described in this section.

8 (3) Prior to expenditure for the purposes described in subsection  
9 (2) of this section, funds deposited into the health services account  
10 under RCW 82.24.028 and 82.26.028 shall first be transferred to the  
11 following accounts to ensure the continued availability of previously  
12 dedicated revenues for certain existing programs:

13 (a) To the violence reduction and drug enforcement account under  
14 RCW 69.50.520, two million two hundred forty-nine thousand five hundred  
15 dollars for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, four million  
16 two hundred forty-eight thousand dollars for the state fiscal year  
17 beginning July 1, 2002, seven million seven hundred eighty-nine  
18 thousand dollars for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, six million  
19 nine hundred thirty-two thousand dollars for the biennium beginning  
20 July 1, 2005, and six million nine hundred thirty-two thousand dollars  
21 for each biennium thereafter, as required by RCW 82.24.020(2);

22 (b) To the health services account under this section, nine million  
23 seventy-seven thousand dollars for the state fiscal year beginning July  
24 1, 2001, seventeen million one hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars  
25 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, thirty-one million  
26 seven hundred fifty-five thousand dollars for the biennium beginning  
27 July 1, 2003, twenty-eight million six hundred twenty-two thousand  
28 dollars for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and twenty-eight  
29 million six hundred twenty-two thousand dollars for each biennium  
30 thereafter, as required by RCW 82.24.020(3); and

31 (c) To the water quality account under RCW 70.146.030, two million  
32 two hundred three thousand five hundred dollars for the state fiscal  
33 year beginning July 1, 2001, four million two hundred forty-four  
34 thousand dollars for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002,  
35 eight million one hundred eighty-two thousand dollars for the biennium  
36 beginning July 1, 2003, seven million eight hundred eighty-five  
37 thousand dollars for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and seven

1 million eight hundred eighty-five thousand dollars for each biennium  
2 thereafter, as required by RCW 82.24.027(2)(a).

3 During the 2001-2003 fiscal biennium, the legislature may transfer  
4 from the health services account such amounts as reflect the excess  
5 fund balance of the account.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is intended to apply retroactively  
7 to January 1, 2002.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
11 immediately.

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