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1 AN ACT Relating to notification to parents of the mental health  
2 treatment options for minors available under chapter 71.34 RCW; and  
3 adding a new section to chapter 71.34 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 71.34 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The evaluation and treatment facility is required to promptly  
8 provide written and verbal notice of all statutorily available  
9 treatment options contained in this chapter to every parent or guardian  
10 of a minor child when the parent or guardian seeks to have his or her  
11 minor child treated at an evaluation and treatment facility.

12 (2) The notice must contain the following information:

13 (a) All current statutorily available treatment options including  
14 but not limited to those provided in this chapter; and

15 (b) The procedures to be followed to utilize the treatment options  
16 described in this chapter.

17 (3) The department shall produce, and make available, the written

1 notification that must include, at a minimum, the information contained  
2 in subsection (2) of this section.

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