
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6186

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Thibaudeau, Kline and Kohl-Welles)

READ FIRST TIME 02/01/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing insurance coverage to dependent
2 children; adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.21
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new section to
5 chapter 48.46 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

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

9 (1) Any plan offered to public employees under this chapter must
10 offer each public employee the option of covering any unmarried
11 dependent of the employee: (a) Under the age of twenty-five; or (b)
12 under the age of thirty and a veteran, as defined in RCW 41.04.007,
13 regardless of whether the dependent is enrolled in an educational
14 institution.

15 (2) Any employee choosing under subsection (1) of this section to
16 cover a dependent who is: (a) Age twenty through twenty-three and not
17 a registered student at an accredited secondary school, college,
18 university, vocational school, or school of nursing; or (b) age

1 twenty-four through twenty-nine, shall be required to pay the full cost
2 of such coverage.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Any disability insurance contract that provides coverage for a
6 subscriber's dependent must offer the option of covering any unmarried
7 dependent: (1) Under the age of twenty-five; or (2) under the age of
8 thirty and a veteran, as defined in RCW 41.04.007, regardless of
9 whether the dependent is enrolled in an educational institution.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 Any group disability insurance contract or blanket disability
13 insurance contract that provides coverage for a participating member's
14 dependent must offer each participating member the option of covering
15 any unmarried dependent: (1) Under the age of twenty-five; or (2)
16 under the age of thirty and a veteran, as defined in RCW 41.04.007,
17 regardless of whether the dependent is enrolled in an educational
18 institution.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) Any individual health care service plan contract that provides
22 coverage for a subscriber's dependent must offer the option of covering
23 any unmarried dependent: (a) Under the age of twenty-five; or (b)
24 under the age of thirty and a veteran, as defined in RCW 41.04.007,
25 regardless of whether the dependent is enrolled in an educational
26 institution.

27 (2) Any group health care service plan contract that provides
28 coverage for a participating member's dependent must offer each
29 participating member the option of covering any unmarried dependent:
30 (a) Under the age of twenty-five; or (b) under the age of thirty and a
31 veteran, as defined in RCW 41.04.007, regardless of whether the
32 dependent is enrolled in an educational institution.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW
34 to read as follows:

1 (1) Any individual health maintenance agreement that provides
2 coverage for a subscriber's dependent must offer the option of covering
3 any unmarried dependent: (a) Under the age of twenty-five; or (b)
4 under the age of thirty and a veteran, as defined in RCW 41.04.007,
5 regardless of whether the dependent is enrolled in an educational
6 institution.

7 (2) Any group health maintenance agreement that provides coverage
8 for a participating member's dependent must offer each participating
9 member the option of covering any unmarried dependent: (a) Under the
10 age of twenty-five; or (b) under the age of thirty and a veteran, as
11 defined in RCW 41.04.007, regardless of whether the dependent is
12 enrolled in an educational institution.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect January 1, 2007.

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