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By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 74.09.521 and 2007 c 359 s 11 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) To the extent that funds are specifically appropriated for this
6 purpose the department shall revise its medicaid healthy options
7 managed care and fee-for-service program standards under medicaid,
8 Title XIX of the federal social security act to improve access to
9 mental health services for children who do not meet the regional
10 support network access to care standards. Effective July 1, 2008, the
11 program standards shall be revised to allow outpatient therapy services
12 to be provided by licensed mental health professionals, as defined in
13 RCW 71.34.020, or by a mental health professional regulated under Title
14 18 RCW who is under the direct supervision of a licensed mental health
15 professional, and up to twenty outpatient therapy hours per calendar
16 year, including family therapy visits integral to a child's treatment.
17 This section shall be administered in a manner consistent with federal
18 early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment requirements related
19 to the receipt of medically necessary services when a child's need for
20 such services is identified through developmental screening.

21 (2) (~~This section expires July 1, 2010.~~) The department and the
22 children's mental health evidence-based practice institute established
23 in RCW 71.24.061 shall collaborate to encourage and develop incentives
24 for the use of prescribing practices and evidence-based and research-
25 based treatment practices developed under RCW 74.09.490 by mental
26 health professionals serving children under this section.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
28 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by

1 June 30, 2009, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
2 void."

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3 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "services;" strike the
4 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 74.09.521; and creating
5 a new section."

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