

2SSB 6312 - H COMM AMD TO APP COMM AMD (H-4412.2/14)  
By Committee on Appropriations

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1 On page 151, after line 27, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 94. RCW 70.320.020 and 2013 c 320 s 2 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (1) The authority and the department shall base contract  
5 performance measures developed under RCW 70.320.030 on the following  
6 outcomes when contracting with service contracting entities:  
7 Improvements in client health status and wellness; increases in client  
8 participation in meaningful activities; reductions in client  
9 involvement with criminal justice systems; reductions in avoidable  
10 costs in hospitals, emergency rooms, crisis services, and jails and  
11 prisons; increases in stable housing in the community; improvements in  
12 client satisfaction with quality of life; and reductions in population-  
13 level health disparities.

14 (2) The performance measures must demonstrate the manner in which  
15 the following principles are achieved within each of the outcomes under  
16 subsection (1) of this section:

17 (a) Maximization of the use of evidence-based practices will be  
18 given priority over the use of research-based and promising practices,  
19 and research-based practices will be given priority over the use of  
20 promising practices. The agencies will develop strategies to identify  
21 programs that are effective with ethnically diverse clients and to  
22 consult with tribal governments, experts within ethnically diverse  
23 communities and community organizations that serve diverse communities;

24 (b) The maximization of the client's independence, recovery, and  
25 employment;

26 (c) The maximization of the client's participation in treatment  
27 decisions; and

28 (d) The collaboration between consumer-based support programs in  
29 providing services to the client.

1 (3) In developing performance measures under RCW 70.320.030, the  
2 authority and the department shall consider expected outcomes relevant  
3 to the general populations that each agency serves. The authority and  
4 the department may adapt the outcomes to account for the unique needs  
5 and characteristics of discrete subcategories of populations receiving  
6 services, including ethnically diverse communities.

7 (4) The authority and the department shall coordinate the  
8 establishment of the expected outcomes and the performance measures  
9 between each agency as well as each program to identify expected  
10 outcomes and performance measures that are common to the clients  
11 enrolled in multiple programs and to eliminate conflicting standards  
12 among the agencies and programs.

13 (5)(a) The authority and the department shall establish timelines  
14 and mechanisms for service contracting entities to report data related  
15 to performance measures and outcomes, including phased implementation  
16 of public reporting of outcome and performance measures in a form that  
17 allows for comparison of performance measures and levels of improvement  
18 between geographic regions of Washington.

19 (b) The authority and the department may not release any public  
20 reports of client outcomes unless the data have been deidentified and  
21 aggregated in such a way that the identity of individual clients cannot  
22 be determined through directly identifiable data or the combination of  
23 multiple data elements."

24 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any internal  
25 references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Prohibits the Department of Social and Health Services  
and the Health Care Authority from releasing any public reports of  
client outcomes unless the data have been deidentified and aggregated  
so that client identities cannot be determined.

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