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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Walsh, Cody, Harris, Orwall, Tarleton, and Ormsby)

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1 AN ACT Relating to directing the health care authority to issue a
2 request for proposals for integrated managed health and behavioral
3 health services for foster children; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 74.09 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The authority shall issue a request for proposals to provide
9 integrated managed health and behavioral health care for foster
10 children receiving care through the medical assistance program. The
11 request for proposals must address the program elements described in
12 section 110, chapter 225, Laws of 2014, including development of a
13 service delivery system, benefit design, reimbursement mechanisms,
14 and standards for contracting with health plans. The request for
15 proposals must be issued and completed in time for services under the
16 integrated managed care plan to begin on December 1, 2016. If the
17 authority determines that it is not feasible for the mental health
18 services required under the *T.R. v. Dreyfus and Porter* settlement to
19 be integrated in the health plans by December 1, 2016, the necessary
20 services may be purchased separately by the authority as supplemental

1 services to the plan. The services must be fully integrated into the
2 health plans no later than January 1, 2018.

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