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1   AN ACT Relating to Down syndrome resources; adding a new section
2 to chapter 43.70 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.50 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 18.57 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 18.57A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.71 RCW; adding
5 a new section to chapter 18.71A RCW; adding a new section to chapter
6 18.79 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.290 RCW; adding a new
7 section to chapter 70.41 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
8 18.46 RCW.

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

10   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
11 RCW to read as follows:
12   (1)(a) The department shall develop the following resources
13 regarding Down syndrome:
14   (i) Up-to-date, evidence-based, written information about Down
15 syndrome and people born with Down syndrome that has been reviewed by
16 medical experts and national Down syndrome organizations; and
17   (ii) Contact information regarding support services, including
18 information hotlines specific to Down syndrome, resource centers or
19 clearinghouses, national and local Down syndrome organizations, and
20 other education and support programs.
21   (b) The resources prepared by the department must:

1 (i) Be culturally and linguistically appropriate for expectant
2 parents receiving a positive prenatal diagnosis or for the parents of
3 a child receiving a postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome; and

4 (ii) Include: Physical, developmental, educational, and
5 psychosocial outcomes; life expectancy; clinical course; and
6 intellectual and functional development and therapy options.

7 (2) The department shall make the information described in this
8 section available to any person who renders prenatal care, postnatal
9 care, or genetic counseling to expectant parents receiving a positive
10 prenatal diagnosis or to the parents of a child receiving a postnatal
11 diagnosis of Down syndrome.

12 (3) For the purposes of this section, "Down syndrome" means a
13 chromosomal condition that results in the presence of an extra whole
14 or partial copy of chromosome 21.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.50
16 RCW to read as follows:
17 A midwife who provides a parent with a positive prenatal or
18 postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome shall provide the parent with
19 the information prepared by the department under section 1 of this
20 act at the time the midwife provides the parent with the Down
21 syndrome diagnosis.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.57
23 RCW to read as follows:
24 An osteopathic physician and surgeon licensed under this chapter
25 who provides a parent with a positive prenatal or postnatal diagnosis
26 of Down syndrome shall provide the parent with the information
27 prepared by the department under section 1 of this act at the time
28 the physician provides the parent with the Down syndrome diagnosis.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.57A
30 RCW to read as follows:
31 An osteopathic physician's assistant who provides a parent with a
32 positive prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome shall
33 provide the parent with the information prepared by the department
34 under section 1 of this act at the time the osteopathic physician's
35 assistant provides the parent with the Down syndrome diagnosis.

1   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 18.71
2   RCW to read as follows:
3   A physician licensed under this chapter who provides a parent
4   with a positive prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome
5   shall provide the parent with the information prepared by the
6   department under section 1 of this act at the time the physician
7   provides the parent with the Down syndrome diagnosis.

8   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 18.71A
9   RCW to read as follows:
10   A physician assistant who provides a parent with a positive
11   prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome shall provide the
12   parent with the information prepared by the department under section
13   1 of this act at the time the physician assistant provides the parent
14   with the Down syndrome diagnosis.

15   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 18.79
16   RCW to read as follows:
17   A nurse who provides a parent with a positive prenatal or
18   postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome shall provide the parent with
19   the information prepared by the department under section 1 of this
20   act at the time the nurse provides the parent with the Down syndrome
21   diagnosis.

22   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 18.290
23   RCW to read as follows:
24   A genetic counselor who provides a parent with a positive
25   prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome shall provide the
26   parent with the information prepared by the department under section
27   1 of this act at the time the genetic counselor provides the parent
28   with the Down syndrome diagnosis.

29   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 70.41
30   RCW to read as follows:
31   A hospital that provides a parent with a positive prenatal or
32   postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome shall provide the parent with
33   the information prepared by the department under section 1 of this
34   act at the time the hospital provides the parent with the Down
35   syndrome diagnosis.

1   <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 18.46
2   RCW to read as follows:
3   A birthing center that provides a parent with a positive prenatal
4   or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome shall provide the parent with
5   the information prepared by the department under section 1 of this
6   act at the time the birthing center provides the parent with the Down
7   syndrome diagnosis.

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