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Mental Health & Housing.

1 AN ACT Relating to investing in programs proven to promote
2 recovery for persons with mental illness and chemical dependency
3 disorders; amending RCW 70.47.030; and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.47.030 and 2004 c 192 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The basic health plan trust account is hereby established in
8 the state treasury. Except for funds distributed to the account
9 pursuant to RCW 69.50.540, any nongeneral fund-state funds collected
10 for this program shall be deposited in the basic health plan trust
11 account and may be expended without further appropriation. Moneys in
12 the account shall be used ((exclusively)) for the purposes of this
13 chapter, including payments to participating managed health care
14 systems on behalf of enrollees in the plan and payment of costs of
15 administering the plan and for the purposes in subsection (2) of this
16 section.

17 ~~((During the 1995-97 fiscal biennium, the legislature may~~
18 ~~transfer funds from the basic health plan trust account to the state~~
19 ~~general fund.))~~

20 (2) Twenty-two percent of the funds distributed to the account
21 from RCW 69.50.540 must be used to fund evidence-based or research-

1 based, intensive community interventions shown to promote recovery
2 and reduce the need for inpatient hospitalization for persons with
3 mental illness, persons with co-occurring mental illness and chemical
4 dependency disorders, or both. Funds expended under this subsection
5 must be used for evidence-based or research-based peer support
6 services, including peer bridger programs; crisis services including
7 mobile crisis outreach programs, crisis stabilization, and crisis
8 triage; inpatient transition support programs; or supported housing
9 programs.

10 (3) The basic health plan subscription account is created in the
11 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from amounts due from or
12 on behalf of nonsubsidized enrollees and health coverage tax credit
13 eligible enrollees shall be deposited into the account. Funds in the
14 account shall be used exclusively for the purposes of this chapter,
15 including payments to participating managed health care systems on
16 behalf of nonsubsidized enrollees and health coverage tax credit
17 eligible enrollees in the plan and payment of costs of administering
18 the plan. The account is subject to allotment procedures under
19 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for expenditures.

20 ~~((3))~~ (4) The ~~((administrator))~~ director shall take every
21 precaution to see that none of the funds in the separate accounts
22 created in this section or that any premiums paid either by
23 subsidized or nonsubsidized enrollees are commingled in any way,
24 except that the ~~((administrator))~~ director may combine funds
25 designated for administration of the plan into a single
26 administrative account.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect August 1, 2015.

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