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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Senn, Graves, Caldier, Fey, Stonier, Kagi, McBride, Wylie, and Doglio)

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1 AN ACT Relating to foster youth health care benefits; amending
2 RCW 74.09.860; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.860 and 2015 c 283 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The authority shall issue a request for proposals to provide
7 integrated managed health and behavioral health care for foster
8 children receiving care through the medical assistance program.
9 Behavioral health services provided under chapters 71.24(~~(7)~~) and
10 71.34(~~(7)~~ and ~~70.96A~~) RCW must be integrated into the managed health
11 care plan for foster children beginning (~~October 1, 2018~~) January
12 1, 2019. The request for proposals must address the program elements
13 described in section 110, chapter 225, Laws of 2014, including
14 development of a service delivery system, benefit design,
15 reimbursement mechanisms, incorporation or coordination of services
16 currently provided by the regional support networks, and standards
17 for contracting with health plans. The request for proposals must be
18 issued and completed in time for services under the integrated
19 managed care plan to begin on October 1, 2016.

20 (2) The parent or guardian of a child who is no longer a
21 dependent child pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW may choose to continue

1 in the transitional foster care eligibility category for up to twelve
2 months following reunification with the child's parents or guardian
3 if the child:

4 (a) Is under eighteen years of age;

5 (b) Was in foster care under the legal responsibility of the
6 department of social and health services, the department of children,
7 youth, and families, or a federally recognized Indian tribe located
8 within the state; and

9 (c) Meets income and other eligibility standards for medical
10 assistance coverage.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2018.

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