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1 AN ACT Relating to health care for working individuals with  
2 disabilities; amending RCW 74.09.540; and providing an effective  
3 date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09.540 and 2018 c 201 s 7019 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to remove barriers to  
8 employment for individuals with disabilities by providing medical  
9 assistance to working individuals with disabilities through a buy-in  
10 program in accordance with section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the social  
11 security act and eligibility and cost-sharing requirements  
12 established by the authority.

13 (2) The authority shall establish (~~income, resource, and~~) cost-  
14 sharing requirements for the buy-in program in accordance with  
15 federal law and any conditions or limitations specified in the  
16 omnibus appropriations act. The authority shall establish and modify  
17 eligibility and cost-sharing requirements in order to administer the  
18 program within available funds. The authority may consider a person's  
19 income when establishing cost-sharing requirements. The authority may  
20 not establish eligibility restrictions for the buy-in program based  
21 upon a person's income or maximum age. The authority shall make every

1 effort to coordinate benefits with employer-sponsored coverage  
2 available to the working individuals with disabilities receiving  
3 benefits under this chapter or other applicable law.

4 (3) The authority shall seek federal approval to exclude  
5 resources accumulated in a separate account that results from  
6 earnings during an individual's enrollment in the buy-in program when  
7 determining the individual's subsequent eligibility for another  
8 medical assistance program.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2020.

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