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By Representatives Stonier, Appleton, and Stanford

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1 AN ACT Relating to health plan coverage for contralateral
2 prophylactic mastectomies; and adding a new section to chapter 48.43
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2020,
8 shall provide benefits or coverage for contralateral prophylactic
9 mastectomies to covered individuals who:

10 (a) Are determined by their physician to be at a high risk of
11 developing breast cancer in the contralateral breast;

12 (b) Have a genetic defect that predisposes them to breast cancer;
13 or

14 (c) Have a desire for symmetry and reconstruction of both breasts
15 following removal of a breast due to breast cancer.

16 (2)(a) A health carrier is not required under this section to
17 provide for a referral to a nonparticipating health care provider,
18 unless the carrier does not have an appropriate health care provider
19 that is available and accessible to administer the procedure and that
20 is a participating health care provider with respect to such
21 procedure.

1 (b) If a health carrier refers an individual to a
2 nonparticipating health care provider pursuant to this section,
3 screening services or a resulting procedure, if any, must be provided
4 at no additional cost to the individual beyond what the individual
5 would otherwise pay for services provided by a participating health
6 care provider.

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