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By Senators Cleveland, Hasegawa, and Saldaña; by request of Health Care Authority

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1 AN ACT Relating to sharing health insurance information to
2 improve the coordination of benefits between health insurers and the
3 health care authority; and amending RCW 74.09A.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09A.020 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 15 s 119 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) ~~((The authority shall provide routine and periodic~~
8 ~~computerized information to))~~ Health insurers ((regarding client
9 ~~eligibility and coverage information. Health insurers))~~ shall share
10 all beneficiary eligibility and coverage information with the
11 authority for the purpose of identifying joint beneficiaries. The
12 authority shall use this information to identify joint beneficiaries.
13 ~~((Identification of joint beneficiaries shall be transmitted to the~~
14 ~~authority.))~~ The authority shall use this information to improve
15 accuracy and currency of health insurance coverage and to promote
16 improved coordination of benefits.

17 (2) To the maximum extent possible, necessary data elements and a
18 compatible database shall be developed by affected health insurers
19 and the authority. The authority shall establish a representative
20 group of health insurers and state agency representatives to develop
21 necessary technical and file specifications to promote a standardized

1 database. The database shall include elements essential to the
2 authority and its population's health insurance coverage information.

3 (3) If the state and health insurers enter into other agreements
4 regarding the use of common computer standards, the database
5 identified in this section shall be replaced by the new common
6 computer standards.

7 (4) The information provided will be of sufficient detail to
8 promote reliable and accurate benefit coordination and identification
9 of individuals who are also eligible for authority programs.

10 (5) The frequency of updates will be mutually agreed to by each
11 health insurer and the authority based on frequency of change and
12 operational limitations. (~~In no event shall the computerized data be
13 provided less than semiannually.~~)

14 (6) The health insurers and the authority shall safeguard and
15 properly use the information to protect records as provided by law,
16 including but not limited to chapters 42.48, 74.09, 74.04, 70.02, and
17 42.56 RCW, and 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396a and 42 C.F.R. Sec. 43 et seq. The
18 purpose of this exchange of information is to improve coordination
19 and administration of benefits and ensure that medical insurance
20 benefits are properly utilized.

21 (7) The authority shall target implementation of this section to
22 those health insurers with the highest probability of joint
23 beneficiaries.

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