

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1096

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning nonmedicare plans offered through the Washington state health insurance pool.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Schmick, Cody, Leavitt, Ortiz-Self, Riccelli and Macri.

**House Committee on Health Care & Wellness**  
**House Committee on Appropriations**  
**Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care**  
**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

### **Background:**

The Washington State Health Insurance Pool (WSHIP), Washington's high risk pool, provides coverage for:

- individuals ineligible for Medicare who were enrolled in WSHIP health plans prior to December 31, 2013;
- individuals ineligible for Medicare who live in a county where non-catastrophic individual health coverage is unavailable; and
- individuals eligible for Medicare who do not have access to a reasonable choice of Medicare Advantage plans and provide evidence of rejection for medical reasons, restrictive riders, an up-rated premium, preexisting condition limitations, or lack of access to a comprehensive Medicare supplemental plan.

The costs of coverage through the WSHIP are paid through premiums and assessments on health insurers. The WSHIP has approximately 200 enrollees in individual, non-Medicare coverage, and 1,100 enrollees in Medicare coverage.

After December 31, 2022, individual, non-Medicare coverage will no longer be offered through the WSHIP.

### **Summary:**

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The expiration date for individual, non-Medicare coverage purchased through the WSHIP is eliminated.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	0
Senate	49	0

**Effective:** July 25, 2021