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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Couture, Schmidt, Reed, Graham, Barnard, Kloba, Cheney, Riccelli, Pollet, Griffey, and Jacobsen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/24.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing for health home services for
2 medicaid-eligible children with medically complex conditions; adding
3 a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

6 (a) Children with medical complexity deserve coordinated and
7 effective care delivered in a high quality setting. Families should
8 be able to focus solely on their child's needs and not waste precious
9 time fighting a fragmented care system or the complexities of
10 medicaid;

11 (b) In 2019, the federal government adopted the advancing care
12 for exceptional kids act to address these concerns. This law created
13 a new health home model that will coordinate prompt care for children
14 with medically complex conditions, develop an individualized,
15 comprehensive, pediatric, family-centered care plan, coordinate
16 access to subspecialized care, and coordinate appropriate care with
17 out-of-state providers; and

18 (c) The federal law provides health homes with a higher federal
19 matching rate, making this proposal beneficial to Washington's
20 children with medical complexities while also being financially
21 prudent.

1 (2) The legislature, therefore, intends to actively support these
2 medically complex children by taking the steps necessary to implement
3 health homes in Washington.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 By January 1, 2025, the authority shall submit a state plan
7 amendment to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services
8 to allow medicaid-eligible children with medically complex conditions
9 to voluntarily enroll in a health home as provided in section 3 of
10 the medicaid services investment and accountability act of 2019 (P.L.
11 116-16).

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of
13 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
14 provided by June 30, 2024, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
15 act is null and void.

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