
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5581

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By Senate Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Muzzall, Robinson, Braun, Rivers, Warnick, Cleveland, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Lovelett, Shewmake, C. Wilson, J. Wilson, and L. Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to developing strategies to reduce or eliminate
2 cost sharing for maternity care services and postpartum care;
3 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The office of the insurance
6 commissioner shall, in collaboration with health carriers in this
7 state, develop strategies to reduce deductibles and other forms of
8 cost sharing for maternity care services, including prenatal care,
9 delivery, and postpartum care, or make these services available to
10 enrollees without a deductible or other cost sharing.

11 (2) The office of the insurance commissioner shall contract with
12 outside entities as necessary to conduct research or actuarial
13 analysis needed to complete the work required under subsection (1) of
14 this section.

15 (3) By July 1, 2024, the office of the insurance commissioner
16 shall submit a report to the relevant committees of the legislature
17 outlining strategies to reduce or eliminate deductibles and other
18 forms of cost sharing for maternity care services, including prenatal
19 care, delivery, and postpartum care.

1 (4) This section expires December 31, 2024.

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