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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing payment for parental caregivers of
2 minor children with developmental disabilities; adding a new section
3 to chapter 71A.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that natural,
6 adoptive, and stepparents of developmentally disabled medicaid-
7 eligible children may be the best caregivers for their children, and
8 that parents provide personal caregiving to their disabled children
9 for much of the parent's and the children's life spans.

10 The legislature further finds that the caregiving workforce is a
11 critical lifeline for people with developmental disabilities to live
12 independently. The legislature also finds that paying parents for
13 their extraordinary caregiving labor is an important investment in
14 our families and in our communities.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71A.12
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) By October 1, 2024, the administration shall submit a request
18 to the centers for medicare and medicaid services for amendments to
19 the community first choice program and to applicable developmental
20 disabilities administration home and community-based services waivers

1 that would allow natural, adoptive, and stepparents who provide
2 personal care services to their minor children with developmental
3 disabilities to receive payment for providing those services to the
4 greatest extent allowable under federal law.

5 (2) In the event that the amendment requests identified in
6 subsection (1) of this section are not accepted and cannot be cured,
7 within 30 days of receiving notice of the denial, the administration
8 shall apply to the centers for medicare and medicaid services for a
9 section 1115 demonstration waiver that would allow natural, adoptive,
10 and stepparents who provide personal care services to their minor
11 children with developmental disabilities to receive payment for
12 providing those services to the greatest extent allowable under
13 federal law.

14 (3) The department shall commence payments authorized under this
15 section immediately upon receiving approval from the centers for
16 medicare and medicaid services.

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