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**SENATE BILL 5498**

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**By** Senators Alvarado, Slatter, Bateman, Cleveland, Frame, Lias, Lovelett, Nobles, Pedersen, Saldaña, Salomon, Stanford, Trudeau, Valdez, and C. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to contraceptive coverage; amending RCW  
2 48.43.195; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.43.195 and 2017 c 293 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A health benefit plan issued or renewed on or after January  
7 1, (~~(2018)~~) 2026, that includes coverage for contraceptive drugs must  
8 provide reimbursement for a (~~(twelve-month-refill)~~) 12-month supply  
9 of contraceptive drugs obtained at one time by the enrollee, unless  
10 the enrollee requests a smaller supply or the prescribing provider  
11 instructs that the enrollee must receive a smaller supply. The health  
12 plan must allow enrollees to receive the contraceptive drugs on-site  
13 at the provider's office, if available. Any dispensing practices  
14 required by the plan must follow clinical guidelines for appropriate  
15 prescribing and dispensing to ensure the health of the patient while  
16 maximizing access to effective contraceptive drugs.

17 (2) Nothing in this section prohibits a health plan from limiting  
18 refills that may be obtained in the last quarter of the plan year if  
19 a (~~(twelve-month)~~) 12-month supply of the contraceptive drug has  
20 already been dispensed during the plan year.

1           (3) For purposes of this section, "contraceptive drugs" means all  
2 drugs approved by the United States food and drug administration that  
3 are used to prevent pregnancy, including, but not limited to,  
4 hormonal drugs administered orally, transdermally, and  
5 intravaginally.

6           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2026.

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