
HOUSE BILL 2336

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By Representative Davis

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1 AN ACT Relating to contingency management; adding a new section
2 to chapter 71.05 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71.05
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The authority, in consultation with the managed care
7 organizations that the authority contracts with to provide health
8 services to medical assistance clients, shall establish a pilot
9 project to test reimbursement methodologies for providing a
10 contingency management component to the counseling services provided
11 to patients with substance use disorders. The authority shall
12 identify two sites to participate in the pilot project. Participants
13 in the project may receive positive reinforcers in the form of
14 vouchers or prizes totaling no more than six hundred dollars per
15 patient over the course of twelve weeks.

16 (2) By December 1, 2021, the authority shall report to the
17 appropriate committees of the legislature on the contingency
18 management reimbursement pilot project. The report shall analyze the
19 characteristics of the participating patients, provide
20 recommendations as to which patients may realize the greatest benefit
21 from a contingency management component to their counseling services,

1 analyze the different options in designing an effective contingency
2 management component to counseling services for the patients
3 receiving substance use disorder services, identify funding options
4 for providing a contingency management component to counseling
5 services, recommend ways to design a contingency management component
6 to counseling services that will receive federal matching funds under
7 the medicaid program, calculate the anticipated costs of providing a
8 contingency management component to counseling services for patients
9 with a substance use disorder on a statewide basis, and provide
10 recommendations regarding effective communication to the community
11 about the role of contingency management in counseling services.

12 (3) For the purposes of this section, "contingency management"
13 means a supplement to counseling treatment that rewards participants
14 through positive reinforcers for attending treatment or abstaining
15 from substance use.

16 (4) This section expires June 30, 2022.

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