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BILL REQ. #: Z-0417.1/26

ATTY/TYPIST: MW:jlb

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Providing flexibility in the partnership access  
line assessment to cover administrative costs.

1       AN ACT Relating to providing flexibility in the partnership  
2 access line assessment to cover administrative costs; and amending  
3 RCW 71.24.064.

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

5       **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.24.064 and 2024 c 358 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7       (1) Beginning July 1, 2021, the partnership access lines  
8 described in RCW 71.24.061(3)(a), the psychiatric consultation line  
9 described in RCW 71.24.062, and the first approach skills training  
10 program described in RCW 71.24.061(3)(a)(iv) shall be funded as  
11 follows:

12       (a) The authority, in consultation with the University of  
13 Washington department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and  
14 Seattle children's hospital shall determine the annual costs of  
15 operating each program, as well as the authority's costs for  
16 administering the programs.

17       (b) For each program, the authority shall calculate the  
18 proportion of clients that are covered by programs administered  
19 pursuant to chapter 74.09 RCW. The state must cover the cost for  
20 programs administered pursuant to chapter 74.09 RCW through state and  
21 federal funds, as appropriated.

1 (c)(i) The authority shall collect a proportional share of  
2 program costs from each of the following entities that are not for  
3 covered lives under contract with the authority as medicaid managed  
4 care organizations:

5 (A) Health carriers, as defined in RCW 48.43.005;

6 (B) Self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangements, as  
7 defined in RCW 48.125.010;

8 (C) Employers or other entities that provide health care in this  
9 state, including self-funding entities or employee welfare benefit  
10 plans.

11 (ii) For entities listed in (c)(i) of this subsection, a  
12 proportional share of the entity's annual program costs for each  
13 program must be calculated by determining the annual cost of  
14 operating the program not covered under (b) of this subsection and  
15 multiplying it by a fraction that in which the numerator is the  
16 entity's total number of resident insured persons among the  
17 population served by the program and the denominator is the total  
18 number of residents in the state who are served by the program and  
19 not covered by programs administered pursuant to chapter 74.09 RCW.  
20 The total number of resident insured persons among the population  
21 served by the program shall be determined according to the covered  
22 lives per calendar year determined by covered person months.

23 (iii) The entities listed in (c)(i) of this subsection shall  
24 provide information needed to calculate the proportional share of  
25 program costs under this section to the authority.

26 ~~((d) The authority's administrative costs for these programs may  
27 not be included in the assessments.))~~

28 (iv) Reasonable costs for the administration of the assessment by  
29 a contracted third-party administrator may be included in the total  
30 assessment on the entities listed in (c)(i) of this subsection as  
31 part of the proportional share calculation. The authority's other  
32 administrative costs for these programs may not be included in the  
33 assessments.

34 (2) The authority may contract with a third-party administrator  
35 to calculate and administer the assessments of the entities  
36 identified in subsection (1)(c)(i) of this section.

37 (3) The authority shall develop separate performance measures for  
38 the partnership access lines described in RCW 71.24.061(3)(a), and  
39 the psychiatric consultation line described in RCW 71.24.062.

1       (4) The University of Washington department of psychiatry and  
2 behavioral sciences, in coordination with any hospital that it  
3 collaborates with to administer the programs, shall provide quarterly  
4 reports to the authority on the demographic data collected by each  
5 program, as described in RCW 71.24.063 (1) and (2), any performance  
6 measures specified by the authority, and systemic barriers to  
7 services, as determined and defined by the authority, the University  
8 of Washington, and Seattle children's hospital.

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