

community college education(~~(, and the commission for vocational education))~~) shall coordinate information and activities with the board. The board shall have the following additional responsibilities:

- (1) Promote interinstitutional cooperation;
- (2) Establish minimum admission standards for four-year institutions, including a requirement that coursework in sign language shall satisfy any foreign language requirement the board or the institutions may establish as a general undergraduate admissions requirement;
- (3) Establish transfer policies;
- (4) Adopt rules implementing statutory residency requirements;
- (5) Develop and administer reciprocity agreements with bordering states and the province of British Columbia;
- (6) Review and recommend compensation practices and levels for administrative employees, exempt under chapter 28B.16 RCW, and faculty using comparative data from peer institutions;
- (7) Monitor higher education activities for compliance with all relevant state policies for higher education;
- (8) Arbitrate disputes between and among four-year institutions or between and among four-year institutions and community colleges at the request of one or more of the institutions involved, or at the request of the governor, or from a resolution adopted by the legislature. The decision of the board shall be binding on the participants in the dispute;
- (9) Establish and implement a state system for collecting, analyzing, and distributing information;
- (10) Recommend to the governor and the legislature ways to remove any economic incentives to use off-campus program funds for on-campus activities; and
- (11) Make recommendations to increase minority participation, and monitor and report on the progress of minority participation in higher education.

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## CHAPTER 173

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6433]

### PHENYLKETONURIA

AN ACT Relating to insurance and health care services; adding a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.46 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The legislature finds that:

- (a) Phenylketonuria is a rare inherited genetic disorder.
- (b) Children with phenylketonuria are unable to metabolize an essential amino acid, phenylalanine, which is found in the proteins of most food.
- (c) To remain healthy, children with phenylketonuria must maintain a strict diet and ingest a mineral and vitamin-enriched formula.
- (d) Children who do not maintain their diets with the formula acquire severe mental and physical difficulties.
- (e) Originally, the formulas were listed as prescription drugs but were reclassified as medical foods to increase their availability.

(2) Subject to requirements and exceptions which may be established by rules adopted by the commissioner, any disability insurance contract delivered or issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or after September 1, 1988, that insures for hospital or medical expenses shall provide coverage for the formulas necessary for the treatment of phenylketonuria.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The legislature finds that:

- (a) Phenylketonuria is a rare inherited genetic disorder.
- (b) Children with phenylketonuria are unable to metabolize an essential amino acid, phenylalanine, which is found in the proteins of most food.
- (c) To remain healthy, children with phenylketonuria must maintain a strict diet and ingest a mineral and vitamin-enriched formula.
- (d) Children who do not maintain their diets with the formula acquire severe mental and physical difficulties.
- (e) Originally, the formulas were listed as prescription drugs but were reclassified as medical foods to increase their availability.

(2) Subject to requirements and exceptions which may be established by rules adopted by the commissioner, any group disability insurance contract delivered or issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or after September 1, 1988, that insures for hospital or medical expenses shall provide coverage for the formulas necessary for the treatment of phenylketonuria.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The legislature finds that:

- (a) Phenylketonuria is a rare inherited genetic disorder.
- (b) Children with phenylketonuria are unable to metabolize an essential amino acid, phenylalanine, which is found in the proteins of most food.
- (c) To remain healthy, children with phenylketonuria must maintain a strict diet and ingest a mineral and vitamin-enriched formula.

(d) Children who do not maintain their diets with the formula acquire severe mental and physical difficulties.

(e) Originally, the formulas were listed as prescription drugs but were reclassified as medical foods to increase their availability.

(2) Subject to requirements and exceptions which may be established by rules adopted by the commissioner, any contract for health care services delivered or issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or after September 1, 1988, shall provide coverage for the formulas necessary for the treatment of phenylketonuria.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW to read as follows:

(1) The legislature finds that:

(a) Phenylketonuria is a rare inherited genetic disorder.

(b) Children with phenylketonuria are unable to metabolize an essential amino acid, phenylalanine, which is found in the proteins of most food.

(c) To remain healthy, children with phenylketonuria must maintain a strict diet and ingest a mineral and vitamin-enriched formula.

(d) Children who do not maintain their diets with the formula acquire severe mental and physical difficulties.

(e) Originally, the formulas were listed as prescription drugs but were reclassified as medical foods to increase their availability.

(2) Subject to requirements and exceptions which may be established by rules adopted by the commissioner, any agreement for health care services delivered or issued for delivery or renewed in this state on or after September 1, 1988, shall provide coverage for the formulas necessary for the treatment of phenylketonuria. Such formulas shall be covered when deemed medically necessary by the medical director or his or her designee of the health maintenance organization and if provided by the health maintenance organization or upon the health maintenance organizations's referral. Formulas shall be covered at the usual and customary rates for such formulas, subject to contract provisions with respect to deductible amounts or co-payments.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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