

1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing medicaid expansion; adding a new
2 section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the federal
5 patient protection and affordable care act provides an opportunity to
6 expand medicaid to adults with incomes below one hundred thirty-three
7 percent of the federal poverty level, as defined in the social security
8 act section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII). The federal law establishes the
9 eligibility requirements and benefit requirements for the medicaid
10 expansion to align with the subsidized coverage options that will be
11 available through the health benefit exchange and provide a continuum
12 of coverage options for low-income individuals.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 The authority is authorized to implement the medicaid expansion
16 defined in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the federal social

1 security act, consistent with budget authorization provided in the
2 omnibus appropriations act.

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