

## CHAPTER 137

[Substitute House Bill No. 1516]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN-HOME SERVICES—DISABLED PERSONS'  
ELIGIBILITY—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to social and health services; amending section 1, chapter 51, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 74.08.530; amending section 3, chapter 51, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 74.08.550; adding a new section to chapter 74.08 RCW; and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 51, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 74.08.530 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislature finds that it is desirable to provide ((certain)) a coordinated and comprehensive program of in-home services for certain citizens in order that such persons may remain in their own homes, obtain employment if possible, and maintain a closer contact with the community. Such a program will seek to prevent mental and psychological deterioration which our citizens might otherwise experience. The legislature intends that the services will be provided in a fashion which promotes independent living.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 51, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 74.08.550 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The department of social and health services is authorized to develop a program to provide for those services enumerated in RCW 74.08.540.

(2) The department shall endeavor to assure that, for each individual receiving in-home services, a single caseworker is responsible for coordinating the delivery of all necessary in-home services for which the recipient is eligible.

(3) The department may provide assistance in the recruiting of providers of the services enumerated in RCW 74.08.540 and seek to assure the timely provision of services in emergency situations.

(4) The department shall assure that all providers of the services enumerated in RCW 74.08.540 are compensated for the delivery of the services on a prompt and regular basis.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 74.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) An otherwise eligible disabled person shall not be deemed ineligible for chore services under this chapter if the person's gross income from employment, adjusted downward by the cost of the chore service to be provided and the disabled person's work expenses, does not exceed the maximum eligibility standard established by the department for such chore services. The department shall establish a sliding scale fee schedule for such disabled persons, taking into consideration the person's ability to pay and work expenses.

(2) If a disabled person arranges for chore services through an individual provider arrangement, the recipient's contribution shall be counted as first dollar toward the total amount owed to the provider for chore services rendered.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Gross income" means total earned wages, commissions, salary, and any bonus;

(b) "Work expenses" includes:

(i) Payroll deductions required by law or as a condition of employment, in amounts actually withheld;

(ii) The necessary cost of transportation to and from the place of employment by the most economical means, except rental cars; and

(iii) Expenses of employment necessary for continued employment, such as tools, materials, union dues, transportation to service customers if not furnished by the employer, and uniforms and clothing needed on the job and not suitable for wear away from the job;

(c) "Employment" means any work activity for which a recipient receives monetary compensation;

(d) "Disabled" means:

(i) Permanently and totally disabled as defined by the department and as such definition is approved by the federal security agency for federal matching funds;

(ii) Eighteen years of age or older;

(iii) A resident of the state of Washington; and

(iv) Willing to submit to such examinations as are deemed necessary by the department to establish the extent and nature of the disability.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is appropriated to the department of social and health services from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1981, the sum of two hundred seventy thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this act; except that, if federal funds become available to carry out the purposes of this act, then state general fund moneys shall be conserved with federal funds.

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CHAPTER 138

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CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES—SCHEDULING—SCHEDULE II  
NONNARCOTIC STIMULANT PRESCRIPTION