
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5702

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Trudeau, Dhingra, Lovelett, Lovick, Nguyen, Nobles, Randall, Saldaña, Stanford, Van De Wege, and C. Wilson)

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring coverage for donor human milk;
2 amending RCW 41.05.017; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and adding a new section
4 to chapter 43.70 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) A health plan issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2023,
9 shall provide coverage for medically necessary donor human milk for
10 inpatient use when ordered by a licensed health care provider with
11 prescriptive authority or an international board certified lactation
12 consultant certified by the international lactation consultant
13 association for an infant who is medically or physically unable to
14 receive maternal human milk or participate in chest feeding or whose
15 parent is medically or physically unable to produce maternal human
16 milk in sufficient quantities or caloric density or participate in
17 chest feeding, if the infant meets at least one of the following
18 criteria:

- 19 (a) An infant birth weight of below 2,500 grams;
20 (b) An infant gestational age equal to or less than 34 weeks;
21 (c) Infant hypoglycemia;

1 (d) A high risk for development of necrotizing enterocolitis,
2 bronchopulmonary dysplasia, or retinopathy of prematurity;

3 (e) A congenital or acquired gastrointestinal condition with
4 long-term feeding or malabsorption complications;

5 (f) Congenital heart disease requiring surgery in the first year
6 of life;

7 (g) An organ or bone marrow transplant;

8 (h) Sepsis;

9 (i) Congenital hypotonias associated with feeding difficulty or
10 malabsorption;

11 (j) Renal disease requiring dialysis in the first year of life;

12 (k) Craniofacial anomalies;

13 (l) An immunologic deficiency;

14 (m) Neonatal abstinence syndrome;

15 (n) Any other serious congenital or acquired condition for which
16 the use of pasteurized donor human milk and donor human milk derived
17 products is medically necessary and supports the treatment and
18 recovery of the child; or

19 (o) Any baby still inpatient within 72 hours of birth without
20 sufficient human milk available.

21 (2) Donor human milk covered under this section must be obtained
22 from a milk bank that meets minimum standards adopted by the
23 department of health pursuant to section 4 of this act.

24 (3) A health plan may require an enrollee to obtain expedited
25 prior authorization to receive coverage for donor human milk as
26 required under this section.

27 (4) For purposes of this section:

28 (a) "Donor human milk" means human milk that has been contributed
29 to a milk bank by one or more donors.

30 (b) "Milk bank" means an organization that engages in the
31 procurement, processing, storage, distribution, or use of human milk
32 contributed by donors.

33 (5) The commissioner may adopt any rules necessary to implement
34 this section.

35 **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.05.017 and 2021 c 280 s 2 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

37 Each health plan that provides medical insurance offered under
38 this chapter, including plans created by insuring entities, plans not
39 subject to the provisions of Title 48 RCW, and plans created under

1 RCW 41.05.140, are subject to the provisions of RCW 48.43.500,
2 70.02.045, 48.43.505 through 48.43.535, 48.43.537, 48.43.545,
3 48.43.550, 70.02.110, 70.02.900, 48.43.190, 48.43.083, 48.43.0128,
4 section 1 of this act, and chapter 48.49 RCW.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The authority shall provide coverage under this chapter for
8 medically necessary donor human milk for inpatient use when ordered
9 by a licensed health care provider with prescriptive authority or an
10 international board certified lactation consultant certified by the
11 international lactation consultant association for an infant who is
12 medically or physically unable to receive maternal human milk or
13 participate in chest feeding or whose parent is medically or
14 physically unable to produce maternal human milk in sufficient
15 quantities or caloric density or participate in chest feeding, if the
16 infant meets at least one of the following criteria:

- 17 (a) An infant birth weight of below 2,500 grams;
18 (b) An infant gestational age equal to or less than 34 weeks;
19 (c) Infant hypoglycemia;
20 (d) A high risk for development of necrotizing enterocolitis,
21 bronchopulmonary dysplasia, or retinopathy of prematurity;
22 (e) A congenital or acquired gastrointestinal condition with
23 long-term feeding or malabsorption complications;
24 (f) Congenital heart disease requiring surgery in the first year
25 of life;
26 (g) An organ or bone marrow transplant;
27 (h) Sepsis;
28 (i) Congenital hypotonias associated with feeding difficulty or
29 malabsorption;
30 (j) Renal disease requiring dialysis in the first year of life;
31 (k) Craniofacial anomalies;
32 (l) An immunologic deficiency;
33 (m) Neonatal abstinence syndrome;
34 (n) Any other serious congenital or acquired condition for which
35 the use of pasteurized donor human milk and donor human milk derived
36 products is medically necessary and supports the treatment and
37 recovery of the child; or
38 (o) Any baby still inpatient within 72 hours of birth without
39 sufficient human milk available.

1 (2) Donor human milk covered under this section must be obtained
2 from a milk bank that meets minimum standards adopted by the
3 department of health pursuant to section 4 of this act.

4 (3) The authority may require an enrollee to obtain expedited
5 prior authorization to receive coverage for donor human milk as
6 required under this section.

7 (4) In administering this program, the authority must seek any
8 available federal financial participation under the medical
9 assistance program, as codified at Title XIX of the federal social
10 security act, the state children's health insurance program, as
11 codified at Title XXI of the federal social security act, and any
12 other federal funding sources that are now available or may become
13 available.

14 (5) For purposes of this section:

15 (a) "Donor human milk" means human milk that has been contributed
16 to a milk bank by one or more donors.

17 (b) "Milk bank" means an organization that engages in the
18 procurement, processing, storage, distribution, or use of human milk
19 contributed by donors.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 The department shall adopt standards for ensuring milk bank
23 safety. The standards adopted by the department must, at a minimum,
24 consider the clinical, evidence-based guidelines established by a
25 national accrediting organization. The standards must address donor
26 screening, milk handling and processing, and recordkeeping. The
27 department shall also review and consider requiring additional
28 testing standards, including but not limited to testing for the
29 presence of viruses, bacteria, and prescription and nonprescription
30 drugs in donated milk.

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