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Tumwater, WA 98501

Submitted via electronic mail to RulesCoordinator@oic.wa.gov

RE: Comments on stakeholder draft for student health plans rulemaking (R2021-13)

August 6th, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates - Washington is pleased to submit the following comments in support of the stakeholder draft for R2021-13 (Student Health Plans Rulemaking), implementing House Bill 1009.

As the nation's leading provider of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, Planned Parenthood is committed to ensuring that all people in Washington can access comprehensive, high quality, and affordable health care. We believe that students need and deserve the same access to care as other Washingtonians, including access to insurance coverage for abortion. We support the approach taken in this stakeholder draft, which adds student health plans to existing requirements and thereby subjects student health plans to the same rules as other health plans, as intended by HB 1009. This approach will help ensure that people covered by student health plans won't have to go without basic reproductive health care and put their future at risk just because the care they need isn't covered by their insurance.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for ensuring that people covered by student health plans can access equal insurance coverage of abortion.

Sincerely,

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