

To: Highline Community College Employees
From: Executive Director of Human Resources
Subject: Statement on Basic Health Insurance

Legislation requires an annual notice be provided to employees of the option to voluntarily donate, through payroll deduction, funds to assist Washington families purchase health care benefits. The Health Care Authority (HCA) has drafted the notice below:

Safety Net Donation – Message from the Health Care Authority

Thousands of Washington residents will lose their health care coverage this year. The state's budget problems resulted in drastic cuts to Basic Health, an innovative state program that provides subsidized health care to 100,000 low income people. But public employees can help. Legislation involving the Basic Health cuts establishes a program to "Save the Safety Net." The program is still in the planning stages, but you will be able to offer one-time or ongoing support to help Washington families maintain their health care coverage with Basic Health. Go to www.basicealth.hca.wa.gov/safetynet if you think you might be interested in helping. There is no obligation to donate. At this time we are just collecting names of interested public employees. More information will be available on the Web site as it becomes available.