
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5459

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By Senate Committee on Health & Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators West, Wojahn, Sheldon and Sellar)

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1 AN ACT Relating to prescription claims insurance coverage; adding
2 a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
3 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 48.46 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many health care
7 insurance entities are initially approving claims as eligible under an
8 identified program, over the telephone, but denying those same claims
9 when they are submitted for payment. The legislature finds this to be
10 an untenable situation for the providers.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 Disability insurance companies or their designated representative
14 who have first approved, by any means, an individual prescription claim
15 as eligible may not reject that claim at some later date. Pharmacists
16 or drug dispensing outlets who obtain preapproval of claims shall keep
17 a written record of the preapproval that consists of identification by
18 name and telephone number of the person who approved the claim.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 Group disability insurance companies or their designated
4 representative who have first approved, by any means, an individual
5 prescription claim as eligible may not reject that claim at some later
6 date. Pharmacists or drug dispensing outlets who obtain preapproval of
7 claims shall keep a written record of the preapproval that consists of
8 identification by name and telephone number of the person who approved
9 the claim.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 Health care service contractors or their designated representative
13 who have first approved, by any means, an individual prescription claim
14 as eligible may not reject that claim at some later date. Pharmacists
15 or drug dispensing outlets who obtain preapproval of claims shall keep
16 a written record of the preapproval that consists of identification by
17 name and telephone number of the person who approved the claim.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 Health maintenance organizations or their designated representative
21 who have first approved, by any means, an individual prescription claim
22 as eligible may not reject that claim at some later date. Pharmacists
23 or drug dispensing outlets who obtain preapproval of claims shall keep
24 a written record of the preapproval that consists of identification by
25 name and telephone number of the person who approved the claim.

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