

RCW 48.43.731 Health care benefit management contracts—Carrier filing requirements—Notice to enrollees—Confidentiality of filings.

(1) A carrier must file with the commissioner in the form and manner prescribed by the commissioner every contract and contract amendment between the carrier and any health care benefit manager registered under RCW 48.200.030, within thirty days following the effective date of the contract or contract amendment.

(2) For health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022, carriers must notify health plan enrollees in writing of each health care benefit manager contracted with the carrier to provide any benefit management services in the administration of the health plan.

(3) Contracts filed under this section are confidential and not subject to public inspection under RCW 48.02.120(2), or public disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW, if filed in accordance with the procedures for submitting confidential filings through the system for electronic rate and form filings and the general filing instructions as set forth by the commissioner. In the event the referenced filing fails to comply with the filing instructions setting forth the process to withhold the contract from public inspection, and the carrier indicates that the contract is to be withheld from public inspection, the commissioner must reject the filing and notify the carrier through the system for electronic rate and form filings to amend its filing to comply with the confidentiality filing instructions.

(4) For purposes of this section, "health care benefit manager" has the same meaning as in RCW 48.200.020. [2020 c 240 s 6.]

Rule making—Effective date—2020 c 240: See RCW 48.200.900 and 48.200.901.