
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5736

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By Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Senators Moore, Pelz and Fraser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to chiropractic care for industrial insurance;
2 amending RCW 51.04.030; and adding a new chapter to Title 51 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Chiropractic care provided to an injured
5 worker through the division of industrial insurance must be within the
6 scope of practice under chapter 18.25 RCW and limited to the treatment
7 of acute conditions.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The director shall appoint an associate
9 medical director for chiropractic treatment. The associate medical
10 director must be eligible for licensure under chapter 18.25 RCW.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 51.04.030 and 1989 c 189 s 1 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 The director shall, through the division of industrial insurance,
14 supervise the providing of prompt and efficient care and treatment,
15 including care provided by physicians' assistants governed by the
16 provisions of chapters 18.57A and 18.71A RCW, acting under a
17 supervising physician, and including chiropractic care as defined by

1 chapter 18.25 RCW, to workers injured during the course of their
2 employment at the least cost consistent with promptness and efficiency,
3 without discrimination or favoritism, and with as great uniformity as
4 the various and diverse surrounding circumstances and locations of
5 industries will permit and to that end shall, from time to time,
6 establish and promulgate and supervise the administration of printed
7 forms, rules, regulations, and practices for the furnishing of such
8 care and treatment: PROVIDED, That, the department may recommend to an
9 injured worker particular health care services and providers where
10 specialized treatment is indicated or where cost effective payment
11 levels or rates are obtained by the department: AND PROVIDED FURTHER,
12 That the department may enter into contracts for goods and services
13 including, but not limited to, durable medical equipment so long as
14 state-wide access to quality service is maintained for injured workers.

15 The director shall make and, from time to time, change as may be,
16 and promulgate a fee bill of the maximum charges to be made by any
17 physician, surgeon, hospital, druggist, physicians' assistants as
18 defined in chapters 18.57A and 18.71A RCW, acting under a supervising
19 physician or other agency or person rendering services to injured
20 workers. No service covered under this title shall be charged or paid
21 at a rate or rates exceeding those specified in such fee bill, and no
22 contract providing for greater fees shall be valid as to the excess.

23 The director or self-insurer, as the case may be, shall make a
24 record of the commencement of every disability and the termination
25 thereof and, when bills are rendered for the care and treatment of
26 injured workers, shall approve and pay those which conform to the
27 promulgated rules, regulations, and practices of the director and may
28 reject any bill or item thereof incurred in violation of the principles
29 laid down in this section or the rules and regulations promulgated
30 under it.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall
32 constitute a new chapter in Title 51 RCW.

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