
HOUSE BILL 1631

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1 AN ACT Relating to discrimination against chiropractors; adding a
2 new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) For the purpose of this section, "contractor" means third-party
8 payor as defined in RCW 70.02.010 and any organization engaged in the
9 business of creating health care provider networks for use by a third-
10 party payor.

11 (2) Contractors may not develop and employ provider payment
12 methodologies that discriminate against chiropractors by setting
13 differing payment formulas for a chiropractor's services than for a
14 different profession's services when the contractor is reimbursing for
15 the same type of health care services. The contractor may not have a
16 methodology that would pay chiropractors less than any other provider
17 for the same payment code.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 July 1, 2007, and applies to all provider contracts that are executed,
5 continued, or renewed on and after January 1, 2008, and to all
6 reimbursement of services by contractors on and after January 1, 2008.

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