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HOUSE BILL 2796

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By Representatives Cody and Green; by request of Insurance Commissioner  
Read first time 01/14/10. Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

1            AN ACT Relating to information on direct practices that the office  
2 of the insurance commissioner must gather and report to the  
3 legislature; amending RCW 48.150.100; and repealing RCW 48.150.120.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.150.100 and 2007 c 267 s 12 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            (1) On or before July 1st of each year, direct practices must  
8 submit annual statements(~~(, beginning on October 1, 2007,)~~) to the  
9 office of (~~{the}~~) the insurance commissioner specifying the number of  
10 providers in each practice, total number of patients being served, the  
11 average direct fee being charged, providers' names, and the business  
12 address for each direct practice and any additional information as  
13 required by the commissioner by rule. The form and content for the  
14 annual statement must be (~~(developed in a manner prescribed)~~) as  
15 required by the commissioner.

16            (2) A health care provider may not act as, or hold himself or  
17 herself out to be, a direct practice in this state, nor may a direct  
18 agreement be entered into with a direct patient in this state, unless

1 the provider submits the annual statement in subsection (1) of this  
2 section to the commissioner.

3 (3) The commissioner shall report annually to the legislature on  
4 direct practices including, but not limited to, participation trends,  
5 complaints received, voluntary data reported by the direct practices,  
6 and any necessary modifications to this chapter. The initial report  
7 shall be due December 1, 2009.

8 (4) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement and administer  
9 this section.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. RCW 48.150.120 (Commissioner's study--Report  
11 to legislature) and 2007 c 267 s 14 are each repealed.

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