

1 **ESSB 5813** - H COMM AMD

2 By Committee on Health Care

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

6 Any carrier that offers a health plan and any self-insured health  
7 plan subject to the jurisdiction of Washington state shall designate a  
8 medical director who is licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW.  
9 Provided that a naturopathic or complimentary alternative medical plan  
10 may have a medical director licensed under 18.36A RCW.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 51.04.020 and 1994 c 164 s 24 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 The director shall:

14 (1) Establish and adopt rules governing the administration of this  
15 title;

16 (2) Ascertain and establish the amounts to be paid into and out of  
17 the accident fund;

18 (3) Regulate the proof of accident and extent thereof, the proof  
19 of death and the proof of relationship and the extent of dependency;

20 (4) Supervise the medical, surgical, and hospital treatment to the  
21 intent that it may be in all cases efficient and up to the recognized  
22 standard of modern surgery;

23 (5) Issue proper receipts for moneys received and certificates for  
24 benefits accrued or accruing;

25 (6) Investigate the cause of all serious injuries and report to  
26 the governor from time to time any violations or laxity in performance  
27 of protective statutes or regulations coming under the observation of  
28 the department;

29 (7) Compile statistics which will afford reliable information upon  
30 which to base operations of all divisions under the department;

31 (8) Make an annual report to the governor of the workings of the  
32 department;

1 (9) Be empowered to enter into agreements with the appropriate  
2 agencies of other states relating to conflicts of jurisdiction where  
3 the contract of employment is in one state and injuries are received in  
4 the other state, and insofar as permitted by the Constitution and laws  
5 of the United States, to enter into similar agreements with the  
6 provinces of Canada; and

7 (10) Designate a medical director who is licensed under chapter  
8 18.57 or 18.71 RCW.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 74.09.050 and 1979 c 141 s 335 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 The secretary shall appoint such professional personnel and other  
12 assistants and employees, including professional medical screeners, as  
13 may be reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
14 chapter. The medical screeners shall be supervised by one or more  
15 physicians who shall be appointed by the secretary or his designee.  
16 The secretary shall appoint a medical director who is licensed under  
17 chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW  
19 to read as follows:

20 The administrator shall designate a medical director who is  
21 licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW.-

**EFFECT:** Adds reference to naturopaths and deletes requirement for  
self-funded workers' compensation plan.