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HOUSE BILL 1214

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to notification to patients by retiring and
- 2 relocating health care providers or to the location of medical records;
- 3 and amending RCW 70.02.120.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.02.120 and 1991 c 335 s 501 are each amended to 6 read as follows:
- 7 (1) A health care provider who provides health care at a health
- 8 care facility that the provider operates and who maintains a record of
- 9 a patient's health care information shall create a "notice of
- 10 information practices "that contains substantially the following:
- 11 NOTICE
- 12 "We keep a record of the health care services we provide you.
- 13 You may ask us to see and copy that record. You may also ask
- 14 us to correct that record. We will not disclose your record to
- 15 others unless you direct us to do so or unless the law
- authorizes or compels us to do so. You may see your record or
- get more information about it at "

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1 (2) The health care provider shall place a copy of the notice of 2 information practices in a conspicuous place in the health care 3 facility, on a consent form or with a billing or other notice provided 4 to the patient.

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(3) Upon retirement or relocation of practice at another health care facility, a health care provider shall notify in writing at the last known address every patient for whom a personal record of health care information is maintained by the provider for the purposes of this section.

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