

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1535

Chapter 64, Laws of 1999

56th Legislature
1999 Regular Session

HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS' REIMBURSEMENT OF PODIATRIC
PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/99

Passed by the House March 8, 1999
Yeas 97 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD
**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

FRANK CHOPP
**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 8, 1999
Yeas 42 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved April 21, 1999

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1535** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

DEAN R. FOSTER
Chief Clerk

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

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April 21, 1999 - 3:12 p.m.

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Parlette, Cody, Schual-Berke, Romero, Ruderman, Esser, Hatfield, Boldt, Campbell, Pflug and Alexander)

Read first time 02/19/1999.

1 AN ACT Relating to health maintenance organizations' reimbursement
2 of podiatric physicians and surgeons; adding a new section to chapter
3 48.46 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Except to the extent that a health maintenance organization
8 contracts with a group medical practice which only treats that
9 organization's patients, a health maintenance organization may not
10 discriminate in the terms and conditions, including reimbursement, for
11 the provision of foot care services between physicians and surgeons
12 licensed under chapters 18.22, 18.57, and 18.71 RCW.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is intended to be procedural and
14 not to impair the obligation of any existing contract.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its
16 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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