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Brief Description: Adopting a patient bill of rights.

SB 5587 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that the purpose of this act is to ensure that health plan patients: (1) Have sufficient and timely access to clinically and culturally appropriate health care services designed to maintain and improve health;

(2) have adequate choice among qualified health care professionals;

(3) are assured that health care decisions are made by appropriate medical personnel based upon sound medical standards;

(4) have improved access to information regarding their health plans;

(5) have access to a quick and impartial process for appealing plan denials of health care coverage;

(6) are protected from unnecessary invasions of health care privacy;

(7) are assured that personal health care information will be used only as necessary to obtain and pay for health care or to improve the quality of care; and

(8) are protected from unfair and deceptive practices.

Repeals RCW 48.43.075, 48.43.095, and 48.43.105.