

***Health Care Committee***

***SSB 5099***

***Brief Description:*** Designating medical directors.

***Sponsors:*** By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Winsley and Thibaudeau).

***Brief Summary of Substitute Bill***

- *Health carriers that offer dental only coverage must designate a licensed dentist as dental director.*

***Hearing Date:*** 3/20/01

***Staff:*** Dave Knutson (786-7146).

***Background:***

*The Patient Bill of Rights requires health carriers to designate a medical director licensed to practice in this state. Health carriers that offer dental only coverage to the public are not required to have a medical director licensed as a dentist in Washington.*

***Summary of Bill:***

*Health carriers that offer dental only coverage must designate a dental director who is licensed as a dentist in Washington*

***Appropriation:*** None.

***Fiscal Note:*** Not Requested.

***Effective Date:*** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.