
HOUSE BILL 1299

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1 AN ACT Relating to evidence-based health services purchasing by
2 state purchased health care programs; adding a new section to chapter
3 41.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 51.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.09
5 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 The authority shall coordinate state agency efforts to develop and
10 implement uniform policies across state purchased health care programs
11 that will ensure prudent, cost-effective health services purchasing,
12 maximize efficiencies in administration of state purchased health care
13 programs, improve the quality of care provided through state purchased
14 health care programs, and reduce administrative burdens on health care
15 providers participating in state purchased health care programs. The
16 policies adopted should be based, to the extent possible, upon the best
17 available scientific and medical evidence and shall endeavor to
18 address:

1 (1) Methods of formal assessment, such as health technology
2 assessment, in the evaluation of health care services as defined in RCW
3 48.43.005(17). In developing methods of formal assessment, the
4 agencies shall consider whether the health care service has been shown
5 to be safe and effective by the best available scientific evidence. A
6 cross-agency centralized health technology assessment policy and
7 process must be in place by July 2004;

8 (2) Monitoring of health outcomes, adverse events, quality, and
9 cost-effectiveness of health services provided through state purchased
10 health care programs;

11 (3) Development of a common definition of medical necessity for
12 state purchased health care programs; and

13 (4) Exploration of common strategies for disease management and
14 demand management programs across state purchased health care programs.

15 The administrator may invite health care provider organizations,
16 carriers, other health care purchasers, and consumers to participate in
17 efforts undertaken under this section.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 The secretary shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible in the
21 development and implementation of policies under section 1 of this act.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 51.04 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 The director shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible in the
25 development and implementation of policies under section 1 of this act.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 The secretary shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible in the
29 development and implementation of policies under section 1 of this act.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
31 to read as follows:

32 The secretary shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible in the
33 development and implementation of policies under section 1 of this act.

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