

SB 5146 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The authority shall select an accrediting organization that  
6 develops and manages health care measures that assess the quality of  
7 care and services that managed care clients receive. In selecting an  
8 organization, the authority shall consider the accreditation  
9 standards of the national committee for quality assurance. The  
10 authority shall require that:

11 (a) All medicaid managed care contractors under contract with the  
12 authority as of the effective date of this section are accredited by  
13 the organization by December 1, 2015; and

14 (b) All new managed care entrants are accredited by the  
15 organization within eighteen months from the contract start date.

16 (2) Medicaid purchasing must support standards developed by the  
17 selected organization."

18 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes references to the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and directs the Health Care Authority to select an accrediting organization that develops health care measures and assessments of the quality of care and services for managed care clients, including consideration of the NCQA. Current and future Medicaid contractors must be accredited by the organization and Medicaid purchasing must support the organization's standards.

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