

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2335**

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HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS--CREDENTIALING--APPLICATIONS

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Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 3, 2016  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Approved March 31, 2016 4:12 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2335** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

April 1, 2016

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By House General Government & Information Technology (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Appleton, and Jenkins)

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1 AN ACT Relating to health care provider credentialing; adding a  
2 new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; adding a new section to chapter  
3 43.70 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1)(a) A health carrier shall use the database selected pursuant  
8 to RCW 48.165.035 to accept and manage credentialing applications  
9 from health care providers.

10 (b) Effective June 1, 2018, a health carrier shall make a  
11 determination approving or denying a credentialing application  
12 submitted to the carrier no later than ninety days after receiving a  
13 complete application from a health care provider.

14 (c) Effective June 1, 2020, a health carrier shall make a  
15 determination approving or denying a credentialing application  
16 submitted to the carrier no later than ninety days after receiving a  
17 complete application from a health care provider. All determinations  
18 made by a health carrier in approving or denying credentialing  
19 applications must average no more than sixty days.

20 (d) This section does not require health carriers to approve a  
21 credentialing application or to place providers into a network.

1 (2) This section does not apply to health care entities that  
2 utilize credentialing delegation arrangements in the credentialing of  
3 their health care providers with health carriers.

4 (3) For purposes of this section, "credentialing" means the  
5 collection, verification, and assessment of whether a health care  
6 provider meets relevant licensing, education, and training  
7 requirements.

8 (4) Nothing in this section creates an oversight or enforcement  
9 duty on behalf of the office of the insurance commissioner against a  
10 health carrier for failure to comply with the terms of this section.

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

13 (1) When submitting a credentialing application to a health  
14 carrier, a health care provider shall submit the application to  
15 health carriers using the database selected pursuant to RCW  
16 48.165.035.

17 (2) A health care provider shall update credentialing information  
18 as necessary to provide for the purposes of recredentialing.

19 (3) This section does not apply to providers practicing at  
20 entities that utilize credentialing delegation arrangements in the  
21 credentialing of their health care providers with health carriers.

22 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
23 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

24 (a) "Credentialing" has the same meaning as in section 1 of this  
25 act.

26 (b) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as in RCW  
27 48.43.005(23)(a).

28 (c) "Health carrier" has the same meaning as in RCW 48.43.005.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect June 1, 2018.

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