

WAC 284-46A-080 Filing authorization rules. An HMO may authorize a third-party filer to file forms or rates on its behalf. For the purposes of this section, a "third-party filer" means a person or entity in the business of providing regulatory compliance services.

(1) If an HMO delegates filing authority to a third-party filer, each filing must include a letter as supporting documentation signed by an officer of the HMO authorizing the third-party filer to make filings on behalf of the HMO.

(2) The HMO may not delegate responsibility for the content of a filing to a third-party filer. The commissioner considers errors and omissions made by the third-party filer to be errors and omissions of the HMO.

(3) If a third-party filer has a pattern of making filings that do not comply with this chapter, the commissioner may reject a delegation of filing authority from the HMO.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060, 48.44.050, and 48.46.200. WSR 10-01-118 (Matter No. R 2009-04), § 284-46A-080, filed 12/17/09, effective 1/17/10.]