

**WAC 284-43A-001 Purpose and scope.** (1) Purpose. These rules are adopted by the Washington state office of the insurance commissioner to implement the provisions of RCW 48.43.535 regarding the certification and requirements of independent review organizations (IROs) and requirements for carriers referring review of adverse benefit determinations to IROs. Certified IROs are qualified to receive referrals from the commissioner or designee under RCW 48.43.535 to make binding determinations related to health care coverage and payment disputes between health insurance carriers and their enrollees.

(2) Other applicable rules. Independent review is also subject to rules of the commissioner implementing RCW 48.43.535.

(3) Applicability. These rules apply to independent review cases originating in Washington state under RCW 48.43.535, and to independent review organizations conducting these reviews.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060, 48.43.535, and 48.43.537. WSR 16-23-168 (Matter No. R 2016-17), § 284-43A-001, filed 11/23/16, effective 1/1/17.]