

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION
WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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The Attorney General's Office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s).

**05-05-01 Request by Eileen Cody
State Representative, 34th District**

- 1. Does RCW 19.68 prohibit a referring physician licensed to practice in Washington from charging a patient or insurer for diagnostic or screening services performed or supervised by a pathologist on that patient's tissue specimen an amount greater than the pathologist charged the referring physician for those services - where the pathologist is neither employed nor supervised by the referring physician?**

- 2. Does RCW 19.68 prohibit a referring physician licensed to practice in Washington from sending a bill to a patient or insurer for diagnostic or screening services performed or supervised by an independently practicing pathologist on that patient's tissue specimen - even if the referring physician does not mark up the charges of the pathologist?**

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