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1 AN ACT Relating to provision of chiropractic services in industrial  
2 insurance; and amending RCW 51.04.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 51.04.030 and 1989 c 189 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The director shall, through the division of industrial insurance,  
7 supervise the providing of prompt and efficient care and treatment,  
8 including care provided by physicians' assistants governed by the  
9 provisions of chapters 18.57A and 18.71A RCW, acting under a  
10 supervising physician, and including care provided by chiropractors  
11 governed by the provisions of chapter 18.25 RCW, to workers injured  
12 during the course of their employment. Such care shall be provided at  
13 the least cost consistent with promptness and efficiency, without  
14 discrimination or favoritism, and with as great uniformity as the  
15 various and diverse surrounding circumstances and locations of

1 industries will permit and to that end shall, from time to time,  
2 establish and ((~~promulgate~~)) adopt and supervise the administration of  
3 printed forms, rules, ((~~regulations,~~)) and practices for the furnishing  
4 of such care and treatment: PROVIDED, That, the department may  
5 recommend to an injured worker particular health care services and  
6 providers where specialized treatment is indicated or where cost  
7 effective payment levels or rates are obtained by the department: AND  
8 PROVIDED FURTHER, That the department may enter into contracts for  
9 goods and services including, but not limited to, durable medical  
10 equipment so long as state-wide access to quality service is maintained  
11 for injured workers.

12 The director shall make and, from time to time, change as may be,  
13 and promulgate a fee bill of the maximum charges to be made by any  
14 physician, surgeon, hospital, druggist, physicians' assistants as  
15 defined in chapters 18.57A and 18.71A RCW, acting under a supervising  
16 physician or other agency or person rendering services to injured  
17 workers. No service covered under this title shall be charged or paid  
18 at a rate or rates exceeding those specified in such fee bill, and no  
19 contract providing for greater fees shall be valid as to the excess.

20 The director or self-insurer, as the case may be, shall make a  
21 record of the commencement of every disability and the termination  
22 thereof and, when bills are rendered for the care and treatment of  
23 injured workers, shall approve and pay those which conform to the  
24 ((~~promulgated~~)) adopted rules((~~, regulations,~~)) and practices of the  
25 director and may reject any bill or item thereof incurred in violation  
26 of the principles laid down in this section or the rules ((~~and~~  
27 ~~regulations promulgated~~)) adopted under it.