

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1539

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MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE--REPLACING POLICIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/99

Passed by the House March 8, 1999
Yeas 97 Nays 0

JOHN E. PENNINGTON, JR.
**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

FRANK CHOPP
**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 25, 1999
Yeas 42 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved May 14, 1999

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1539** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

DEAN R. FOSTER
Chief Clerk

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representative Parlette

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1 AN ACT Relating to medicare supplement policies; amending RCW
2 48.66.045; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.66.045 and 1995 c 85 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Every issuer of a medicare supplement insurance policy or
7 certificate providing coverage to a resident of this state issued on or
8 after January 1, 1996, shall:

9 (1) Issue coverage under its standardized benefit plans B, C, D, E,
10 F, and G without evidence of insurability to any resident of this state
11 who is eligible for both medicare hospital and physician services by
12 reason of age or by reason of disability or end-stage renal disease, if
13 the medicare supplement policy replaces another medicare supplement
14 standardized benefit plan policy or certificate B, C, D, E, F, or G, or
15 other more comprehensive coverage than the ((replaced)) replacing
16 policy;

17 (2) Issue coverage under its standardized plans A, H, I, and J
18 without evidence of insurability to any resident of this state who is
19 eligible for both medicare hospital and physician services by reason of

1 age or by reason of disability or end-stage renal disease, if the
2 medicare supplement policy replaces another medicare supplement policy
3 or certificate which is the same standardized plan as the replaced
4 policy; and

5 (3) Set rates only on a community-rated basis. Premiums shall be
6 equal for all policyholders and certificate holders under a
7 standardized medicare supplement benefit plan form, except that an
8 issuer may develop no more than two rating pools that distinguish
9 between an insured's eligibility for medicare by reason of:

10 (a) Age; or

11 (b) Disability or end-stage renal disease.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
15 immediately.

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