

SHB 2943 - H AMD 818

By Representative Cody

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) Every health carrier, insurer, and other organization engaged
6 in the business of creating provider networks shall comply with the
7 provisions of this section in selecting and contracting with health
8 care providers. For the purpose of this section, "contractor" refers
9 to health carriers, insurers, and other organizations engaged in the
10 business of creating provider networks.

11 (2) Contractors may not discriminate against various classes of
12 health care practitioners by adopting health care network selection and
13 credentialing standards that permit selection and credentialing of
14 clinics of only one or certain classes of practitioners. For example
15 and not as a limitation of this subsection, if a contractor permits a
16 clinic comprising physicians and nurses to contract on a clinic rather
17 than upon an individual basis, the contractor must permit a clinic
18 comprising chiropractors and licensed massage therapists to contract on
19 a clinic rather than upon an individual basis.

20 (3) Contractors may not refuse to contract with a provider or
21 providers who purchase the practice of an existing contracted provider
22 if the purchasing provider or providers otherwise meet the
23 credentialing standards of the contractor and agree to comply with the
24 terms and conditions of the provider contract, including provisions
25 related to quality assurance and utilization review.

26 (4) Contractors may not refuse to contract with a provider who
27 works as an employee of a contracted provider if the employee otherwise
28 meets the credentialing standards of the contractor and agrees to
29 comply with the terms and conditions of the provider contract,

1 including provisions related to quality assurance and utilization
2 review.

3 (5) A contractor may not directly or indirectly require a health
4 care provider to participate in any arrangement that is not a health
5 plan as a condition for participating in any of the contractor's health
6 plans.

7 (6) For purposes of this section, "health plan" includes a health
8 plan as defined in RCW 48.43.005 and medical coverage programs
9 administered by the health care authority.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The insurance commissioner may adopt rules
11 necessary to implement this act."

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