
SENATE BILL 6232

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By Senators Keiser, Pedersen, Parlette, Cleveland, Kohl-Welles, and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to provider notification of carrier network
2 changes; and adding a new section to chapter 48.39 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.39 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Health insurance carriers licensed under chapters 48.20, 48.21,
7 48.44, and 48.46 RCW must provide notice to health care providers of
8 changes in provider networks including the buying, selling, or
9 transferring of a provider network. The notice must be provided not
10 less than sixty days in advance of the network change and must inform
11 the providers that they may choose to opt out of the network change.

12 (2) Health insurance carriers may not publish or advertise provider
13 networks that include the newly acquired or transferred providers until
14 the providers advance notification period is complete to ensure
15 providers have opportunity to opt out of the network change.

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