
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2565

State of Washington **65th Legislature** **2018 Regular Session**

By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representative Schmick)

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1 AN ACT Relating to drug and gene therapy payment for medicaid
2 managed care organizations; and adding a new section to chapter 74.09
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The drug utilization review board, established by the
8 authority in accordance with federal medicaid regulations, shall
9 include among its voting members a representative from each managed
10 care organization that is contracted to administer a managed care
11 plan under this chapter. The representative of each managed care
12 organization must be either a chief medical officer, medical
13 director, or pharmacy director.

14 (2) In addition to other responsibilities required under federal
15 law, the drug utilization review board shall consider the safety,
16 efficacy, and cost-effectiveness of drugs and gene therapies in its
17 recommendations to the director of the authority regarding drugs and
18 gene therapies to be included in coverage for medical assistance
19 programs under this chapter.

20 (3) Nothing in this section limits the authority's discretion to
21 select other members as necessary to meet the purposes and

1 composition of the drug utilization review board as required by
2 federal law.

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