
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1508

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By House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Zellinsky and Pruitt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to prescription claims insurance coverage; adding
2 a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
3 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new
4 chapter to 48.46 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an
5 emergency.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many health care
8 insurance entities are initially approving claims as eligible under an
9 identified program, over the telephone, but denying those same claims
10 when they are submitted for payment. The legislature finds this to be
11 an untenable situation for the providers.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 Disability insurance companies who through an authorized
15 representative have first approved, by any means, an individual
16 prescription claim as eligible may not reject that claim at some later
17 date. Pharmacists or drug dispensing outlets who obtain preapproval of
18 claims shall keep a written record of the preapproval that consists of

1 identification by name and telephone number of the person who approved
2 the claim.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Group disability insurance companies who through an authorized
6 representative have first approved, by any means, an individual
7 prescription claim as eligible may not reject that claim at some later
8 date. Pharmacists or drug dispensing outlets who obtain preapproval of
9 claims shall keep a written record of the preapproval that consists of
10 identification by name and telephone number of the person who approved
11 the claim.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 Health care service contractors who through an authorized
15 representative have first approved, by any means, an individual
16 prescription claim as eligible may not reject that claim at some later
17 date. Pharmacists or drug dispensing outlets who obtain preapproval of
18 claims shall keep a written record of the preapproval that consists of
19 identification by name and telephone number of the person who approved
20 the claim.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 Health maintenance organizations who through an authorized
24 representative have first approved, by any means, an individual
25 prescription claim as eligible may not reject that claim at some later
26 date. Pharmacists or drug dispensing outlets who obtain preapproval of
27 claims shall keep a written record of the preapproval that consists of
28 identification by name and telephone number of the person who approved
29 the claim.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
31 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
32 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
33 effect immediately.

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