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1 AN ACT Relating to review of chiropractic health care; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 18.26 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The purpose of this act is to assure  
5 that review of chiropractic health care requested by third-party payors  
6 is conducted thoroughly and fairly.

7 (2) The legislature intends that patients, providers, and third-  
8 party payors are assured that a review will be conducted in accordance  
9 with accepted standards of care as practiced in this state and that the  
10 results of the review will not be influenced by considerations of  
11 remuneration.

12 (3) The legislature finds that thoroughness and fairness can only  
13 be assured if the reviews are conducted by licensed chiropractors who  
14 are providing care to patients in this state.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.26 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) A review, examination, or opinion that includes a determination  
18 of the necessity or appropriateness of chiropractic care shall be

1 performed or given by a chiropractor licensed in this state.  
2 Additional reviews, examinations, or opinions may be performed or given  
3 by any health care provider acting within the provider's scope of  
4 practice.

5 (2) Nothing in this section prohibits or limits administrative  
6 reviews of fees, costs, billing procedures, or records of chiropractic  
7 care that do not determine the necessity or appropriateness of care.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its  
9 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
10 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
11 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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