

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1508**

53rd Legislature  
1993 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 10, 1993  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 15, 1993  
Yeas 45 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1508** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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

Read first time 02/17/93.

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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