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On page 7, after line 23, strike everything down through and including "services" on line 27, and insert: "To the extent consistent with Washington State law, the commissioner shall algin such rules with standards of nationally recognized and impartial accrediting organizations, such as the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) or other accrediting or certifying bodies recognized by the commissioner to be competent in accrediting health carriers and state agencies that purchase managed health care services"

Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Allows the OIC to adopt rules on a grievance process required to be in place in each health plan. Controls costs allowing the OIC to not adopt rules if they are not necessary. Focuses the OIC more directly on rules based on nationally recognized standards and gives the OIC clear legislative direction to adopt rules which specifically reflect legislative intent.