
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5313

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Wojahn, Zarelli, Thibaudeau, Deccio and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the scope of mental health record audits; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Every health carrier that provides coverage for any outpatient
7 mental health service shall comply with the following requirements:

8 (1) In performing a utilization review of mental health services
9 for a specific enrollee, the utilization review is limited to accessing
10 only the specific health care information contained in the enrollee's
11 record.

12 (2) In performing an audit of a provider that has furnished mental
13 health services to a carrier's enrollees, the audit is limited to
14 accessing only the records of enrollees covered by the specific health
15 carrier for which the audit is being performed, except as otherwise
16 permitted by RCW 70.02.050 and 71.05.630.

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