
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5776

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Roach, Prentice, Zarelli and Costa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to access to chiropractic health care services; 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 Each carrier shall provide all enrollees with direct access to the
7 participating chiropractor of the enrollee's choice for covered
8 chiropractic health care without the necessity of prior referral. This
9 section does not prevent carriers from restricting patients to seeing
10 only providers who have signed participating provider agreements or
11 from utilizing other managed care and cost containment techniques and
12 processes.

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