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SENATE BILL 5870

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1 AN ACT Relating to insurance coverage of pharmacy services; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter  
3 48.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 Notwithstanding any provision of any disability insurance contract  
8 as provided for in this chapter, benefits shall not be denied  
9 thereunder for any health care service performed by a holder of a  
10 license for pharmacy issued pursuant to chapter 18.64 RCW if: (1) The  
11 service performed was within the lawful scope of such person's license;  
12 and (2) such contract would have provided benefits if such service had  
13 been performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter  
14 18.71 RCW: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no provision of chapter 18.71 RCW  
15 shall be asserted to deny benefits under this section.

16 The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and  
17 procedural to the extent they do not impair the obligation of any  
18 existing contract.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        Notwithstanding any provision of any group disability insurance  
4 contract or blanket disability insurance contract as provided for in  
5 this chapter, benefits shall not be denied thereunder for any health  
6 service performed by a holder of a license for pharmacy issued pursuant  
7 to chapter 18.64 RCW if:    (1) The service performed was within the  
8 lawful scope of such person's license; and (2) such contract would have  
9 provided benefits if such service had been performed by a holder of a  
10 license issued pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW:    PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That  
11 no provision of chapter 18.71 RCW shall be asserted to deny benefits  
12 under this section.

13        The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and  
14 procedural to the extent they do not impair the obligation of any  
15 existing contract.

16        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

18        Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, for any health care  
19 service contract thereunder which is entered into or renewed after the  
20 effective date of this act, benefits shall not be denied under such  
21 contract for any health care service performed by a holder of a license  
22 for pharmacy issued pursuant to chapter 18.64 RCW if:    (1) The service  
23 performed was within the lawful scope of such person's license; and (2)  
24 such contract would have provided benefits if such service had been  
25 performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.71  
26 RCW:    PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no provision of chapter 18.71 RCW shall  
27 be asserted to deny benefits under this section.

28        The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and  
29 procedural to the extent that they do not impair the obligation of any  
30 existing contract.

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