

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5313**

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56th Legislature  
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MENTAL HEALTH RECORD AUDITS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/99

Passed by the Senate March 16, 1999  
YEAS 48 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

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CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved April 22, 1999

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5313** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK  
**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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

Read first time 03/03/1999.

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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