

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1299**

58th Legislature  
2003 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 18, 2003  
Yeas 92 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 15, 2003  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1299** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Sommers, Morrell, Schual-Berke and Dickerson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/17/03.

1            AN ACT Relating to evidence-based health services purchasing by  
2 state purchased health care programs; adding a new section to chapter  
3 41.05 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) The authority shall coordinate state agency efforts to develop  
8 and implement uniform policies across state purchased health care  
9 programs that will ensure prudent, cost-effective health services  
10 purchasing, maximize efficiencies in administration of state purchased  
11 health care programs, improve the quality of care provided through  
12 state purchased health care programs, and reduce administrative burdens  
13 on health care providers participating in state purchased health care  
14 programs. The policies adopted should be based, to the extent  
15 possible, upon the best available scientific and medical evidence and  
16 shall endeavor to address:

17            (a) Methods of formal assessment, such as health technology  
18 assessment. Consideration of the best available scientific evidence

1 does not preclude consideration of experimental or investigational  
2 treatment or services under a clinical investigation approved by an  
3 institutional review board;

4 (b) Monitoring of health outcomes, adverse events, quality, and  
5 cost-effectiveness of health services;

6 (c) Development of a common definition of medical necessity; and

7 (d) Exploration of common strategies for disease management and  
8 demand management programs.

9 (2) The administrator may invite health care provider  
10 organizations, carriers, other health care purchasers, and consumers to  
11 participate in efforts undertaken under this section.

12 (3) For the purposes of this section "best available scientific and  
13 medical evidence" means the best available external clinical evidence  
14 derived from systematic research.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Agencies administering state purchased  
16 health care programs shall cooperatively adopt rules necessary to  
17 implement this act.

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