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1 AN ACT Relating to insurance coverage for injuries sustained
2 because of alcohol or narcotic use; adding a new section to chapter
3 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.21 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.46
5 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 48.20.272.

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

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

9 An insurer may not deny coverage for the treatment of an injury
10 solely because the injury was sustained as a consequence of the
11 insured's being intoxicated or under the influence of a narcotic.

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

14 An insurer may not deny coverage for the treatment of an injury
15 solely because the injury was sustained as a consequence of the
16 insured's being intoxicated or under the influence of a narcotic.

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

3 A health care service contractor may not deny coverage for the
4 treatment of an injury solely because the injury was sustained as a
5 consequence of the enrolled participant's being intoxicated or under
6 the influence of a narcotic.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 A health maintenance organization may not deny coverage for the
10 treatment of an injury solely because the injury was sustained as a
11 consequence of the enrolled participant's being intoxicated or under
12 the influence of a narcotic.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** RCW 48.20.272 (Optional standard provision
14 No. 23--Intoxicants and narcotics) and 1951 c 229 s 28 are each
15 repealed.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act applies to all contracts issued or
17 renewed on or after the effective date of this act.

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