

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2354**

Chapter 83, Laws of 2004

58th Legislature  
2004 Regular Session

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/22/04

Passed by the House March 8, 2004  
Yeas 94 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 4, 2004  
Yeas 44 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved March 22, 2004.

GARY F. LOCKE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2354** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

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**Chief Clerk**

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March 22, 2004 - 5:29 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Kristiansen, McMahan, Newhouse, Roach, McDonald, Sullivan, Ahern, Simpson, G., Pearson, Morrell, Bailey and Benson)

READ FIRST TIME 01/27/04.

1            AN ACT Relating to rates for a medicare supplement insurance  
2 policy; amending RCW 48.66.045; and declaring an emergency.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.66.045 and 1999 c 334 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Every issuer of a medicare supplement insurance policy or  
7 certificate providing coverage to a resident of this state issued on or  
8 after January 1, 1996, shall:

9            (1) Issue coverage under its standardized benefit plans B, C, D, E,  
10 F, and G without evidence of insurability to any resident of this state  
11 who is eligible for both medicare hospital and physician services by  
12 reason of age or by reason of disability or end-stage renal disease, if  
13 the medicare supplement policy replaces another medicare supplement  
14 standardized benefit plan policy or certificate B, C, D, E, F, or G, or  
15 other more comprehensive coverage than the replacing policy;

16            (2) Issue coverage under its standardized plans A, H, I, and J  
17 without evidence of insurability to any resident of this state who is  
18 eligible for both medicare hospital and physician services by reason of  
19 age or by reason of disability or end-stage renal disease, if the

1 medicare supplement policy replaces another medicare supplement policy  
2 or certificate which is the same standardized plan as the replaced  
3 policy; and

4 (3) Set rates only on a community-rated basis. Premiums shall be  
5 equal for all policyholders and certificate holders under a  
6 standardized medicare supplement benefit plan form, except that an  
7 issuer may vary premiums based on spousal discounts, frequency of  
8 payment, and method of payment including automatic deposit of premiums  
9 and may develop no more than two rating pools that distinguish between  
10 an insured's eligibility for medicare by reason of:

- 11 (a) Age; or  
12 (b) Disability or end-stage renal disease.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its  
14 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
15 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
16 persons or circumstances is not affected.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
20 immediately.

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