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Brief Description: Making spinal cord stimulators and drug infusion pumps available to injured workers.

**SB 5988 - DIGEST**

Provides that the health services available to an injured worker under chapter 51.36 RCW include the use of spinal cord stimulators and drug infusion pumps at least in accordance with relevant standards adopted by national payors and most state industrial insurance programs. The devices shall be deemed corrective and rehabilitative as well as necessary and proper.

Declares that nothing in this act prevents the department from making informed decisions about the appropriateness of the device in a specific case in accordance with the standards referred to in this act or more permissive guidelines.