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1 On page 2, beginning on line 8, strike all of subsection (3) and
2 insert the following:

3 "(3) The director shall adopt policies developed by the
4 telemedicine collaborative pursuant to section 2 of this act to
5 establish access to telemedicine for independent medical exams and
6 reimburse independent medical exam physicians for services.

7 (4) Physicians must undertake the training developed by the
8 telemedicine collaborative in section 2 of this act, prior to
9 performing any independent medical exams through telemedicine.

10 (5) For purposes of this section, "the telemedicine
11 collaborative" means the collaborative for the advancement of
12 telemedicine created by section 2, chapter 68, Laws of 2016.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 51.36
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) The telemedicine collaborative shall develop policies for the
16 department to establish access to telemedicine for independent
17 medical exams and reimburse independent medical exam physicians for
18 services in a manner that is similar to the policies developed for
19 commercial health insurance plans under RCW 48.43.735 and medicaid
20 managed care plans under RCW 74.09.325.

21 (2) The telemedicine collaborative shall develop a training
22 program to train physicians who perform independent medical exams.
23 The training program must be offered to physicians seeking to provide
24 independent medical exams through telemedicine.

25 (3) For purposes of this section, "the telemedicine
26 collaborative" means the collaborative for the advancement of
27 telemedicine created by section 2, chapter 68, Laws of 2016."

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1 On page 1, at the beginning of line 3 of the title, strike "and"
2 and after "RCW 51.36.070" insert "; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 51.36 RCW"

EFFECT: Requires the department of labor and industries to adopt telemedicine policies developed by the telemedicine collaborative. Requires the telemedicine collaborative to develop a training program for physicians who do independent medical exams through telemedicine, and requires physicians to take the training prior to giving independent medical exams.

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