

**RCW 48.46.170 Effect of chapter as to other laws—Construction.**

(1) Solicitation of enrolled participants by a health maintenance organization granted a certificate of registration, or its appointed insurance producers or representatives, does not violate any provision of law relating to solicitation or advertising by health professionals.

(2) Any health maintenance organization authorized under this chapter is not violating any law prohibiting the practice by unlicensed persons of podiatric medicine and surgery, chiropractic, dental hygiene, opticianry, dentistry, optometry, osteopathic medicine and surgery, pharmacy, medicine and surgery, physical therapy, nursing, or psychology. This subsection does not expand a health professional's scope of practice or allow employees of a health maintenance organization to practice as a health professional unless licensed.

(3) This chapter does not alter any statutory obligation, or rule adopted thereunder, in chapter 70.38 RCW.

(4) Any health maintenance organization receiving a certificate of registration pursuant to this chapter is exempt from chapter 48.05 RCW. [2008 c 217 § 55; 2003 c 248 § 17; 1996 c 178 § 13; 1983 c 106 § 7; 1975 1st ex.s. c 290 § 18.]

**Severability—Effective date—2008 c 217:** See notes following RCW 48.03.020.

**Effective date—1996 c 178:** See note following RCW 18.35.110.