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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6122**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Quigley, Fairley, Kohl, Thibaudeau, Loveland, Sheldon, Franklin, Winsley, Pelz and McAuliffe)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the protection of patient choice in health care  
2 insurance and in the choice of health care providers; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 Every carrier, with respect to every health plan delivered, issued  
8 for delivery, or renewed on and after January 1, 1997:

9 (1) May include enrollee cost-sharing requirements, utilization  
10 review requirements, gatekeeper requirements, or any other managed care  
11 requirements or procedures, only to assure efficient and effective  
12 delivery of health care services. Such requirements, procedures, or  
13 contract terms may not discriminate against any type of provider  
14 included in the plan and must be written and applied on a substantially  
15 fair and uniform basis among all health care providers included in the  
16 plan.

17 (2) Shall include chiropractors licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW to  
18 provide health services or care for conditions included in the plan to  
19 the extent that:

1 (a) The plan covers the condition or provides the services;  
2 (b) The provision of such health services or care is within the  
3 permitted scope of practice; and  
4 (c) The chiropractor agrees to abide by standards related to:  
5 (i) Provision, utilization review, and cost-containment of health  
6 services;  
7 (ii) Management and administrative procedures; and  
8 (iii) Provision of cost-effective and clinically efficacious health  
9 services.  
10 (3) Shall include naturopathic physicians licensed under chapter  
11 18.36A RCW to provide health services or care for conditions included  
12 in the plan to the extent that:  
13 (a) The plan covers the condition or provides the services;  
14 (b) The provision of such health services or care is within the  
15 permitted scope of practice; and  
16 (c) The naturopathic physician agrees to abide by standards related  
17 to:  
18 (i) Provision, utilization review, and cost-containment of health  
19 services;  
20 (ii) Management and administrative procedures; and  
21 (iii) Provision of cost-effective and clinically efficacious health  
22 services.

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