
SENATE BILL 6346

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By Senators Kohl, Quigley, Wood, Franklin and Thibaudeau

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1 AN ACT Relating to health plan disclosure requirements; and
2 amending RCW 48.43.045.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.43.045 and 1995 c 265 s 8 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Every health plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed by a
7 health carrier on and after January 1, 1996, shall:

8 (1) Permit every category of health care provider to provide health
9 services or care for conditions included in the basic health plan
10 services to the extent that:

11 (a) The provision of such health services or care is within the
12 health care providers' permitted scope of practice; and

13 (b) The providers agree to abide by standards related to:

14 (i) Provision, utilization review, and cost containment of health
15 services;

16 (ii) Management and administrative procedures; and

17 (iii) Provision of cost-effective and clinically efficacious health
18 services.

1 (2) Annually report the names and addresses of all officers,
2 directors, or trustees of the health carrier during the preceding year,
3 and the amount of wages, expense reimbursements, or other payments to
4 such individuals.

5 (3) Provide enrollees and upon request potential enrollees with
6 written disclosure of coverage and benefits, including coverage
7 principles and any exclusions or restrictions on coverage, and make
8 available upon request information on evaluation and treatment policies
9 and other specific conditions. Such information must be current,
10 easily understandable, and easily available prior to enrollment and
11 upon request thereafter.

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