
HOUSE BILL 1968

State of Washington 56th Legislature 1999 Regular Session

By Representatives Van Luven, Cody, Alexander and Parlette

Read first time 02/12/1999. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to the scope of mental health record audits; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

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

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

6 Every health carrier that provides coverage for any outpatient
7 mental health service shall comply with the following requirements:

8 (1) In performing a utilization review of mental health services
9 for a specific enrollee, the person performing the utilization review
10 is limited to accessing only the specific health care information for
11 the particular enrollee in question that is necessary to complete the
12 review.

13 (2) In performing an audit of mental health services, the person
14 performing the audit is limited to accessing only the records of
15 persons covered by the specific health carrier for which the audit is
16 being performed, except as otherwise permitted by RCW 70.02.050 and
17 71.05.630.

--- END ---