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1 AN ACT Relating to prescription claims insurance coverage; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter  
3 48.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; adding a new  
4 chapter to 48.46 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an  
5 emergency.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many health care  
8 insurance entities are initially approving claims as eligible under an  
9 identified program, over the telephone, but denying those same claims  
10 when they are submitted for payment. The legislature finds this to be  
11 an untenable situation for the providers.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 Disability insurance companies who have first approved, by any  
15 means, an individual prescription claim as eligible may not reject that  
16 claim at some later date. Individuals, pharmacists, or drug dispensing  
17 outlets who obtain preapproval of claims shall keep a written record

1 of the preapproval that consists of identification by name and  
2 telephone number of the person who approved the claim.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 Group disability insurance companies who have first approved, by  
6 any means, an individual prescription claim as eligible may not reject  
7 that claim at some later date. Individuals, pharmacists, or drug  
8 dispensing outlets who obtain preapproval of claims shall keep a  
9 written record of the preapproval that consists of identification by  
10 name and telephone number of the person who approved the claim.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13 Health care service companies who have first approved, by any  
14 means, an individual prescription claim as eligible may not reject that  
15 claim at some later date. Individuals, pharmacists, or drug dispensing  
16 outlets who obtain preapproval of claims shall keep a written record  
17 of the preapproval that consists of identification by name and  
18 telephone number of the person who approved the claim.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21 Health maintenance entities who have first approved, by any means,  
22 an individual prescription claim as eligible may not reject that claim  
23 at some later date. Individuals, pharmacists, or drug dispensing  
24 outlets who obtain preapproval of claims shall keep a written record  
25 of the preapproval that consists of identification by name and  
26 telephone number of the person who approved the claim.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
30 effect immediately.

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