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By Representatives R. Meyers, Dorn, Miller, Campbell, Wood, Jones, Fuhrman, Wineberry, Pruitt and Finkbeiner

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1 AN ACT Relating to review of chiropractic health care; adding new  
2 sections to chapter 18.26 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The purpose of this act is to assure  
5 that review of chiropractic health care requested by third-party payors  
6 is conducted thoroughly and fairly.

7 (2) The legislature intends that patients, providers, and third-  
8 party payors are assured that a review will be conducted in accordance  
9 with accepted standards of care as practiced in this state and that the  
10 review will not be influenced by considerations of remuneration.

11 (3) The legislature finds that thoroughness and fairness can only  
12 be assured if the reviews are conducted by licensed chiropractors who  
13 are providing care to patients in this state.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.26 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 The chiropractic disciplinary board shall adopt and enforce  
17 standards for the education, qualifications, and training of  
18 chiropractic physicians who engage in the business of issuing

1 professional opinions on the condition, prognosis, or treatment of a  
2 patient.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.26 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) A review, examination, or opinion that includes a determination  
6 of the necessity or appropriateness of chiropractic care shall be  
7 performed by a chiropractor licensed in this state.

8 (2) Nothing in this section prohibits or limits administrative  
9 reviews of fees, costs, billing procedures, or records of chiropractic  
10 care that do not determine the necessity or appropriateness of care.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its  
12 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
13 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
14 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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