

1 **SHB 1410 - H AMDS 573 WITHDRAWN 3/24/95**

2 By Representative Lisk

3 On page 36, after line 30, insert the following:

4 "(5) \$61,107 of the accident account--state appropriation and
5 \$129,602 of the medical aid account--state appropriation are
6 provided solely to implement an integrated statewide on-line
7 adjudication system for pharmacy providers that includes
8 prospective drug utilization. The amount appropriated in this
9 section shall only be expended to administer an adjudication system
10 that is implemented by means of contracts that are competitively
11 bid. Until this service is implemented, the fee schedule for
12 industrial insurance pharmacy services in effect on January 1,
13 1995, may not be reduced."
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15 On page 107, after line 24, insert the following:

16 "**Sec. 912.** RCW 51.04.030 and 1994 c 164 ú 25 are each amended
17 to read as follows:

18 (1) The director shall supervise the providing of prompt and
19 efficient care and treatment, including care provided by physician
20 assistants governed by the provisions of chapters 18.57A and 18.71A
21 RCW, acting under a supervising physician, and including
22 chiropractic care, to workers injured during the course of their
23 employment at the least cost consistent with promptness and
24 efficiency, without discrimination or favoritism, and with as great
25 uniformity as the various and diverse surrounding circumstances and
26 locations of industries will permit and to that end shall, from
27 time to time, establish and adopt and supervise the administration
28 of printed forms, rules, regulations, and practices for the
29 furnishing of such care and treatment: PROVIDED, That, the
30 department may recommend to an injured worker particular health
31 care services and providers where specialized treatment is

1 indicated or where cost effective payment levels or rates are
2 obtained by the department: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the
3 department may enter into contracts for goods and services
4 including, but not limited to, durable medical equipment so long as
5 state-wide access to quality service is maintained for injured
6 workers.

7 (2)(a) Subject to (b) of this subsection, the director shall,
8 in consultation with interested persons, establish and, in his or
9 her discretion, periodically change as may be necessary, and make
10 available a fee schedule of the maximum charges to be made by any
11 physician, surgeon, chiropractor, hospital, druggist, physicians'
12 assistants as defined in chapters 18.57A and 18.71A RCW, acting
13 under a supervising physician or other agency or person rendering
14 services to injured workers. The department shall coordinate with
15 other state purchasers of health care services to establish as much
16 consistency and uniformity in billing and coding practices as
17 possible, taking into account the unique requirements and
18 differences between programs. No service covered under this title
19 shall be charged or paid at a rate or rates exceeding those
20 specified in such fee schedule, and no contract providing for
21 greater fees shall be valid as to the excess. The establishment of
22 such a schedule, exclusive of conversion factors, does not
23 constitute "agency action" as used in RCW 34.05.010(3), nor does
24 such a fee schedule constitute a "rule" as used in RCW
25 34.05.010(15).

26 (b) The pharmacy services fee schedule established under this
27 section and in effect on January 1, 1995, may not be reduced during
28 the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 1997, until the department
29 implements an integrated statewide on-line adjudication system for
30 pharmacy providers.

31 (3) The director or self-insurer, as the case may be, shall
32 make a record of the commencement of every disability and the
33 termination thereof and, when bills are rendered for the care and

1 treatment of injured workers, shall approve and pay those which
2 conform to the adopted rules, regulations, established fee
3 schedules, and practices of the director and may reject any bill or
4 item thereof incurred in violation of the principles laid down in
5 this section or the rules, regulations, or the established fee
6 schedules and rules and regulations adopted under it."

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8 Renumber the sections consecutively, correct internal references
9 accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires \$190,709 of the appropriation from the
accident account and medical aid account state appropriation
to be used to implement, by competitively bid contract, an on-
line adjudication system for pharmacy providers for industrial
insurance pharmacy services and provides that the pharmacy
services fee schedule in effect on January 1, 1995, may not be
reduced until the system is implemented.