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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting health care providers' liability when
2 third parties refuse to pay for health care services; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 7.70 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 7.70 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 A health care provider, as defined in RCW 48.43.005, is not liable
8 for the decision of a third-party payer or others not to pay for or
9 provide reimbursement for health care services recommended by the
10 health care provider when:

11 (1) The health care provider complies with any formal or informal
12 avenues of appeal made available by the third-party payer or others
13 under a health plan, as defined in RCW 48.43.005, or under any other
14 contract or policy providing or paying for health care benefits or
15 services; and

16 (2) The health care provider advises the patient to obtain the
17 recommended care, even if not covered by the third-party payer, and

1 informs the patient of the potential risks in not obtaining the
2 recommended health care services.

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