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Brief Title: Limiting health care providers' liability when third party payors refuse to pay for health care services.

HB 1167 - DIGEST

Declares that a health care provider, as defined in RCW 48.43.005, is not liable for the decision of a third-party payer or others not to pay for or provide reimbursement for health care services recommended by the health care provider when: (1) The health care provider complies with any formal or informal avenues of appeal made available by the third-party payer or others under a health plan, as defined in RCW 48.43.005, or under any other contract or policy providing or paying for health care benefits or services; and

(2) the health care provider advises the patient to obtain the recommended care, even if not covered by the third-party payer, and informs the patient of the potential risks in not obtaining the recommended health care services.