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3 By Senator Deccio

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5 On page 6, after line 31, strike all of (8) and insert the  
6 following:

7 "(8) Every health plan shall meet the standards set forth in this  
8 section and carriers must comply with rules adopted by the commissioner  
9 to implement this section. To the extent consistent with Washington  
10 state law, the commissioner shall align such rules with standards of  
11 nationally recognized and impartial accrediting organizations, such as  
12 the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) or other accrediting  
13 or certifying bodies recognized by the commissioner to be competent in  
14 accrediting health carriers and state agencies that purchase health  
15 services."

16 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal  
17 references accordingly.

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**EFFECT:** Carriers must comply with OIC rules on access to appropriate health services. These rules must align with nationally recognized and impartial standards of nationally recognized and impartial accrediting organizations. This will control costs of the bill by giving the OIC clear direction and focusing the rules on access to appropriate health services based on standards of national accrediting organizations. Gives the OIC the authority to determine other accrediting or certifying bodies.