

2 **2SSB 6199** - S AMD - 019  
3 By Senator Deccio

4 NOT ADOPTED 1/26/00

5 On page 7, after line 7 , strike all of subsection (2) and insert  
6 the following:

7 "(2) The commissioner may adopt, in rule, standards for this  
8 section. To the extent consistent with Washington state law, the  
9 commissioner shall align such rules with standards of nationally  
10 recognized and impartial accrediting organizations, such as the  
11 National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) or other accrediting or  
12 certifying bodies recognized by the commissioner to be competent in  
13 accrediting health carriers in the area of utilization review and state  
14 agencies that purchase managed health care services.

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

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**EFFECT:** Allows the OIC to adopt rules on health care decision making and utilization review. If rules are adopted they must that align with standards from nationally recognized accrediting bodies.

Gives the OIC the authority to choose other UR accrediting bodies. Controls the cost of the bill by giving the OIC the option to adopt rules should they be necessary.