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3 By Senator Deccio

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5 On page 7, after line 15, strike all of (2) and insert the  
6 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 the Quality Assurance (NCQA) or other accrediting  
12 or certifying bodies recognized by the commissioner to be competent in  
13 accrediting health carriers and the state agencies that purchase  
14 managed health care services."

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

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**EFFECT:** The OIC may adopt rules on prohibiting the retrospective denial of prior authorized series. Controls costs by allowing the OIC to not adopt rules if they are not necessary. Focuses the commissioner's rules on standards adopted by national bodies and giving clearer legislative direction to the commissioner on the intent of the legislature.