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By Representatives Parlette, Cody, Schual-Berke, Romero, Ruderman, Esser, Hatfield, Boldt, Campbell, Pflug and Alexander

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1 AN ACT Relating to health maintenance organizations' reimbursement
2 of podiatric physicians and surgeons; adding a new section to chapter
3 48.46 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Except to the extent that a health maintenance organization employs
8 its physicians, a health maintenance organization may not discriminate
9 in the terms and conditions, including reimbursement, for the provision
10 of foot care services between physicians and surgeons licensed under
11 chapters 18.22, 18.57, and 18.71 RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is intended to be procedural and
13 not to impair the obligation of any existing contract.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its
15 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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