

5313-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Wojahn, Zarelli, Thibaudeau, Deccio and Winsley)

Brief Title: Limiting the scope of mental health record audits.

**SB 5313-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires that every health carrier that provides coverage for any outpatient mental health service shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) In performing a utilization review of mental health services for a specific enrollee, the utilization review is limited to accessing only the specific health care information contained in the enrollee's record.

(2) In performing an audit of a provider that has furnished mental health services to a carrier's enrollees, the audit is limited to accessing only the records of enrollees covered by the specific health carrier for which the audit is being performed, except as otherwise permitted by RCW 70.02.050 and 71.05.630.