

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5566

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President of the Senate

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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5566** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Thibaudeau, Franklin, Deccio and Kohl-Welles)

READ FIRST TIME 02/28/01.

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring uniform prescription drug information
2 cards; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 improve care to patients by minimizing confusion, eliminating
7 unnecessary paperwork, decreasing administrative burdens, and
8 streamlining dispensing of prescription products paid for by third-
9 party payors.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) A health carrier that provides coverage for prescription drugs
13 provided on an outpatient basis and issues a card or other technology
14 for claims processing, or an administrator of a health benefit plan
15 including, but not limited to, third-party administrators for self-
16 insured plans, pharmacy benefits managers, and state administered
17 plans, shall issue to its enrollees a pharmacy identification card or

1 other technology containing all information required for proper
2 prescription drug claims adjudication.

3 (2) Upon renewal of the health benefit plan, information on the
4 pharmacy identification card or other technology shall be made current
5 by the health carrier or other entity that issues the card.

6 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any
7 health carrier or administrator of a health benefit plan to issue a
8 pharmacy identification card or other technology separate from another
9 identification card issued to an enrollee under the health benefit plan
10 if the identification card contains all of the information required
11 under subsection (1) of this section.

12 (4) This section applies to health benefit plans that are
13 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after July 1, 2003.
14 For the purposes of this section, renewal of a health benefit policy,
15 contract, or plan occurs on each anniversary of the date on which
16 coverage was first effective on the person or persons covered by the
17 health benefit plan.

18 (5) The insurance commissioner may adopt rules to implement this
19 act, taking into consideration any relevant standards developed by the
20 national council for prescription drug programs and the requirements of
21 the federal health insurance portability and accountability act of
22 1996.

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