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On page 1, line 7, strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) The authority shall coordinate state agency efforts to develop and implement uniform policies across state purchased health care programs that will ensure prudent, cost-effective health services purchasing, maximize efficiencies in administration of state purchased health care programs, improve the quality of care provided through state purchased health care programs, and administrative burdens health reduce on care providers participating in state purchased health care programs. policies adopted should be based, to the extent possible, upon the best available scientific and medical evidence and shall endeavor to address:
- (a) Methods of formal assessment, such as health technology assessment. Consideration of the best available scientific evidence does not preclude consideration of experimental or investigational treatment or services under a clinical investigation approved by an institutional review board;
- (b) Monitoring of health outcomes, adverse events, quality, and cost-effectiveness of health services;
- (c) Development of a common definition of medical necessity; and
- (d) Exploration of common strategies for disease management and demand management programs.
- (2) The administrator may invite health care provider organizations, carriers, other health care purchasers, and consumers to participate in efforts undertaken under this section.

- (3) For the purposes of this section "best available scientific and medical evidence" means the best available external clinical evidence derived from systematic research.
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** Agencies administering state purchased 5 health care programs shall cooperatively adopt rules necessary to implement this act." 6

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EFFECT: Deletes the requirement that agency policies must be consistent with policies developed under E2SHB 1214 (prescription drugs). Deletes the requirement that participating agency directors must coordinate to the maximum extent possible. Provides a definition of "best available scientific and medical evidence".