
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1299

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Sommers, Morrell, Schual-Berke and Dickerson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to evidence-based health services purchasing by
2 state purchased health care programs; adding a new section to chapter
3 41.05 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 41.05 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The authority shall coordinate state agency efforts to develop
8 and implement uniform policies across state purchased health care
9 programs that will ensure prudent, cost-effective health services
10 purchasing, maximize efficiencies in administration of state purchased
11 health care programs, improve the quality of care provided through
12 state purchased health care programs, and reduce administrative burdens
13 on health care providers participating in state purchased health care
14 programs. The policies adopted should be based, to the extent
15 possible, upon the best available scientific and medical evidence and
16 shall endeavor to address:

17 (a) Methods of formal assessment, such as health technology
18 assessment. Consideration of the best available scientific evidence

1 does not preclude consideration of experimental or investigational
2 treatment or services under a clinical investigation approved by an
3 institutional review board;

4 (b) Monitoring of health outcomes, adverse events, quality, and
5 cost-effectiveness of health services;

6 (c) Development of a common definition of medical necessity; and

7 (d) Exploration of common strategies for disease management and
8 demand management programs.

9 (2) The administrator may invite health care provider
10 organizations, carriers, other health care purchasers, and consumers to
11 participate in efforts undertaken under this section.

12 (3) For the purposes of this section "best available scientific and
13 medical evidence" means the best available external clinical evidence
14 derived from systematic research.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Agencies administering state purchased
16 health care programs shall cooperatively adopt rules necessary to
17 implement this act.

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