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**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; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; adding a new  
4 section to chapter 51.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.09  
5 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a new  
6 section.

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

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

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

1 (a) Methods of formal assessment, such as health technology  
2 assessment, in the evaluation of health care services as defined in RCW  
3 48.43.005(17). In developing methods of formal assessment, the  
4 agencies shall consider whether the health care service has been shown  
5 to be safe and effective by the best available scientific evidence.  
6 Consideration of the best available scientific evidence does not  
7 preclude consideration of experimental or investigational treatment or  
8 services under a clinical investigation approved by an institutional  
9 review board. A cross-agency centralized health technology assessment  
10 policy and process must be in place by July 2004;

11 (b) Monitoring of health outcomes, adverse events, quality, and  
12 cost-effectiveness of health services provided through state purchased  
13 health care programs;

14 (c) Development of a common definition of medical necessity for  
15 state purchased health care programs; and

16 (d) Exploration of common strategies for disease management and  
17 demand management programs across state purchased health care programs.

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

21 (3) Decisions under this section shall be consistent with policies  
22 developed and implemented under chapter . . . (Engrossed Second  
23 Substitute House Bill No. 1214), Laws of 2003.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW  
25 to read as follows:

26 The secretary shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible in the  
27 development and implementation of policies under section 1 of this act.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 51.04 RCW  
29 to read as follows:

30 The director shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible in the  
31 development and implementation of policies under section 1 of this act.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW  
33 to read as follows:

34 The secretary shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible in the  
35 development and implementation of policies under section 1 of this act.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 5.**   A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW  
2   to read as follows:

3        The secretary shall cooperate to the maximum extent possible in the  
4   development and implementation of policies under section 1 of this act.

5        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.**   Agencies administering state purchased  
6   health care programs shall cooperatively adopt rules necessary to  
7   implement this act.

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