

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2354

58th Legislature
2004 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 8, 2004
Yeas 94 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 4, 2004
Yeas 44 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2354** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Kristiansen, McMahan, Newhouse, Roach, McDonald, Sullivan, Ahern, Simpson, G., Pearson, Morrell, Bailey and Benson)

READ FIRST TIME 01/27/04.

1 AN ACT Relating to rates for a medicare supplement insurance
2 policy; amending RCW 48.66.045; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.66.045 and 1999 c 334 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Every issuer of a medicare supplement insurance policy or
7 certificate providing coverage to a resident of this state issued on or
8 after January 1, 1996, shall:

9 (1) Issue coverage under its standardized benefit plans B, C, D, E,
10 F, and G without evidence of insurability to any resident of this state
11 who is eligible for both medicare hospital and physician services by
12 reason of age or by reason of disability or end-stage renal disease, if
13 the medicare supplement policy replaces another medicare supplement
14 standardized benefit plan policy or certificate B, C, D, E, F, or G, or
15 other more comprehensive coverage than the replacing policy;

16 (2) Issue coverage under its standardized plans A, H, I, and J
17 without evidence of insurability to any resident of this state who is
18 eligible for both medicare hospital and physician services by reason of
19 age or by reason of disability or end-stage renal disease, if the

1 medicare supplement policy replaces another medicare supplement policy
2 or certificate which is the same standardized plan as the replaced
3 policy; and

4 (3) Set rates only on a community-rated basis. Premiums shall be
5 equal for all policyholders and certificate holders under a
6 standardized medicare supplement benefit plan form, except that an
7 issuer may vary premiums based on spousal discounts, frequency of
8 payment, and method of payment including automatic deposit of premiums
9 and may develop no more than two rating pools that distinguish between
10 an insured's eligibility for medicare by reason of:

- 11 (a) Age; or
- 12 (b) Disability or end-stage renal disease.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If any provision of this act or its
14 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
15 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
16 persons or circumstances is not affected.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
20 immediately.

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