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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6494**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Mulliken, Roach and Kline)

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1           AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the use of social security numbers  
2 by health carriers and state health care programs; amending RCW  
3 70.47.130; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; and adding a new  
4 section to chapter 74.09 RCW.

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

6           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8           After December 31, 2005, a health carrier that issues a card  
9 identifying a person as an enrollee, and requires the person to present  
10 the card to providers for purposes of claims processing, may not  
11 display on the card an identification number that includes more than a  
12 four-digit portion of the person's complete social security number.

13           **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.47.130 and 2000 c 5 s 21 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15           (1) The activities and operations of the Washington basic health  
16 plan under this chapter, including those of managed health care systems  
17 to the extent of their participation in the plan, are exempt from the  
18 provisions and requirements of Title 48 RCW except:

1 (a) Benefits as provided in RCW 70.47.070;

2 (b) Managed health care systems are subject to the provisions of  
3 section 1 of this act, and RCW 48.43.500, 70.02.045, 48.43.505 through  
4 48.43.535, 43.70.235, 48.43.545, 48.43.550, 70.02.110, and 70.02.900;

5 (c) Persons appointed or authorized to solicit applications for  
6 enrollment in the basic health plan, including employees of the health  
7 care authority, must comply with chapter 48.17 RCW. For purposes of  
8 this subsection (1)(c), "solicit" does not include distributing  
9 information and applications for the basic health plan and responding  
10 to questions; and

11 (d) Amounts paid to a managed health care system by the basic  
12 health plan for participating in the basic health plan and providing  
13 health care services for nonsubsidized enrollees in the basic health  
14 plan must comply with RCW 48.14.0201.

15 (2) The purpose of the 1994 amendatory language to this section in  
16 chapter 309, Laws of 1994 is to clarify the intent of the legislature  
17 that premiums paid on behalf of nonsubsidized enrollees in the basic  
18 health plan are subject to the premium and prepayment tax. The  
19 legislature does not consider this clarifying language to either raise  
20 existing taxes nor to impose a tax that did not exist previously.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW  
22 to read as follows:

23 Any card issued after December 31, 2005, by the department or a  
24 managed health care system to a person receiving services under this  
25 chapter, that must be presented to providers for purposes of claims  
26 processing, may not display an identification number that includes more  
27 than a four-digit portion of the person's complete social security  
28 number.

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