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1 On page 4, line 3 after "act." insert, "The privacy protections of
2 chapter 70.02 RCW and the federal health insurance portability and
3 accountability act of 1996 and its implementing regulations apply to
4 the sharing of individually identifiable patient information held by a
5 coordinated quality improvement program. Any rules necessary to
6 implement this section shall meet the requirements of applicable
7 federal and state privacy laws."

8 On page 6, line 8, after "and 4.24.250(1)." insert: "The privacy
9 protections of chapter 70.02 RCW and the federal health insurance
10 portability and accountability act of 1996 and its implementing
11 regulations apply to the sharing of individually identifiable patient
12 information held by a coordinated quality improvement program. Any
13 rules necessary to implement this section shall meet the requirements
14 of applicable federal and state privacy laws."

15 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
16 references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Ensures that federal and state privacy laws apply to quality assurance patient-related information when shared by either a boarding home or nursing home with other permitted health care providers.