

SHB 2105 - H AMD 214

By Representative Cody

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
4 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5 (1) "Advanced diagnostic imaging services" means magnetic resonance
6 imaging services, computed tomography services, positron emission
7 tomography services, cardiac nuclear medicine services, and similar new
8 imaging services.

9 (2) "Authority" means the Washington state health care authority.

10 (3) "Payor" means public purchasers and carriers licensed under
11 chapters 48.21, 48.41, 48.44, 48.46, and 48.62 RCW.

12 (4) "Public purchaser" means the department of social and health
13 services, the department of health, the department of labor and
14 industries, the authority, and the Washington state health insurance
15 pool.

16 (5) "State purchased health care" has the same meaning as in RCW
17 41.05.011.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Consistent with the authority granted
19 in RCW 41.05.013, the authority shall convene a work group to analyze
20 and identify evidence-based best practice guidelines or protocols
21 applicable to advanced diagnostic imaging services and any decision
22 support tools available to implement the guidelines or protocols.

23 (2) The administrator of the authority shall appoint work group
24 members, including at least:

25 (a) One member of the authority's health technology clinical
26 committee;

27 (b) One representative of the Washington state medical association;

28 (c) One representative of the Washington state radiological
29 society;

- 1 (d) One representative of the Puget Sound health alliance;
2 (e) One representative of the Washington health care forum;
3 (f) One representative of the Washington state hospital
4 association;
5 (g) One representative of health carriers as defined in chapter
6 48.43 RCW; and
7 (h) One representative of each public purchaser.

8 (3) The work group shall:

9 (a) No later than July 1, 2009, identify evidence-based best
10 practice guidelines or protocols and decision support tools applicable
11 to advanced diagnostic imaging services to be implemented by all state
12 purchased health care programs, except for state purchased health care
13 services that are purchased from or through health carriers as defined
14 in RCW 48.43.005. When identifying the guidelines or protocols, the
15 work group may consult with organizations such as the Minnesota
16 institute for clinical systems improvement; and

17 (b) Explore the feasibility of using the guidelines or protocols
18 for state purchased health care services that are purchased from or
19 through health carriers and all payors in the state by January 1, 2011,
20 for the reimbursement of advanced diagnostic imaging services.

21 (4) The work group may solicit such federal or private funds and
22 in-kind contributions as may be necessary to complete its work in a
23 timely fashion. However, no member of the work group shall be
24 compensated for his or her service.

25 (5) The work group shall report its findings and recommendations to
26 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature no later
27 than July 1, 2009.

28 (6) The work group shall cease to exist on July 1, 2010.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** No later than September 1, 2009, all state
30 purchased health care programs shall, except for state purchased health
31 care services that are purchased from or through health carriers as
32 defined in RCW 48.43.005, implement evidence-based best practice
33 guidelines or protocols applicable to advanced diagnostic imaging
34 services, and the decision support tools to implement the guidelines or
35 protocols, identified under section 2 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Any current or future time frames,
2 procedures, rules, regulations, or guidance regarding accreditation
3 requirements for advanced diagnostic imaging services established in,
4 or promulgated pursuant to, section 135(a) of the medicare improvements
5 for patients and providers act of 2008, shall also be applicable to any
6 person or entity in this state not already subject to its provisions
7 that receives payment for the furnishing of the technical component of
8 advanced diagnostic imaging services as defined under that act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
12 immediately.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act constitute
14 a new chapter in Title 70 RCW."

EFFECT: The Health Care Authority rather than the Department of
Labor and Industries will convene the work group on advanced diagnostic
imaging. A representative from the department of social and health
services, the department of health, the department of labor and
industries, the health care authority, and the Washington state health
insurance pool will serve on the work group. The work group will cease
to exist on July 1, 2010.

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