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By Committee on Ways & Means

ADOPTED AND ENGROSSED 3/13/14

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the state of
4 Washington has an opportunity to transform its health care delivery
5 system.

6 (2) The state health care innovation plan establishes the following
7 primary drivers of health transformation, each with individual key
8 actions that are necessary to achieve the objective:

9 (a) Improve health overall by stressing prevention and early
10 detection of disease and integration of behavioral health;

11 (b) Developing linkages between the health care delivery system and
12 community; and

13 (c) Supporting regional collaboratives for communities and
14 populations, improve health care quality, and lower costs.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The health care authority is responsible
16 for coordination, implementation, and administration of interagency
17 efforts and local collaborations of public and private organizations to
18 implement the state health care innovation plan.

19 (2) Prior to the authority submitting a grant application for
20 innovation plan funding, the authority must consult a neutral actuarial
21 firm not currently contracted with the agency to review the estimated
22 savings with the innovation plan prior to application submission. The
23 plan and the actuarial information must be presented to the joint
24 select committee on health care oversight, including the scope and
25 details of the grant application and any request for proposal, prior to
26 an application submission. The joint committee must review the
27 application in a timely fashion that enables the grant application, if
28 approved, to be submitted within the required time frame.

29 (3) The grant application cannot commit the state to any financial

1 obligations beyond the actual grant award amount.

2 (4) All required federal reporting related to a grant award must be
3 shared with the joint committee at the same time it is submitted to the
4 federal government.

5 (5) By January 1, 2015, and January 1st of each year through
6 January 1, 2019, the health care authority shall coordinate and submit
7 a status report to the appropriate committees of the legislature
8 regarding implementation of the innovation plan. The report must
9 summarize any actions taken to implement the innovation plan, progress
10 toward achieving the aims of the innovation plan, and anticipated
11 future implementation efforts. In addition, the health care authority
12 shall submit any recommendations for legislation necessary to implement
13 the innovation plan.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The joint select committee on health
15 care oversight is established in statute, continuing the committee
16 created in Engrossed Substitute Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8401
17 passed in 2013.

18 (2) The membership of the joint select committee on health care
19 oversight must consist of the following: (a) The chairs of the health
20 care committees of the senate and the house of representatives, who
21 must serve as cochairs; (b) four additional members of the senate, two
22 each appointed by the leadership of the two largest political parties
23 in the senate; and (c) four additional members of the house of
24 representatives, two each appointed by the leadership of the two
25 largest political parties in the house of representatives. The
26 governor must be invited to appoint, as a liaison to the joint select
27 committee, a person who must be a nonvoting member.

28 (3) The joint select committee on health care oversight must
29 provide oversight between the health care authority, health benefit
30 exchange, the office of the insurance commissioner, the department of
31 health, and the department of social and health services. The goal
32 must be to ensure that these entities are not duplicating their efforts
33 and are working toward a goal of increased quality of services which
34 will lead to reduced costs to the health care consumer.

35 (4) The joint select committee on health care oversight must, as
36 necessary, propose legislation to the health care committees and budget

1 recommendations to the ways and means committees of the legislature
2 that aids in their coordination of activities and that leads to better
3 quality and cost savings.

4 (5) The joint select committee on health care oversight expires on
5 December 31, 2022.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The authority shall, subject to the availability of amounts
9 appropriated or grants received for this specific purpose, award grants
10 to support the development of two pilot projects for a community of
11 health. A community of health is a regionally based, voluntary
12 collaborative. The purpose of the collaborative is to align actions to
13 achieve healthy communities and populations, improve health care
14 quality, and lower costs. Grants may only be used for start-up costs.

15 (2) The authority shall develop a process for designating an entity
16 as a community of health. An entity seeking designation is eligible
17 if:

18 (a) It is a nonprofit or public-private partnership, including
19 those led by local public health agencies;

20 (b) Its membership is broad and incorporates key stakeholders, such
21 as the long-term care system, the health care delivery system,
22 behavioral health, social supports and services, primary care and
23 specialty providers, hospitals, consumers, small and large employers,
24 health plans, and public health, with no single entity or
25 organizational cohort serving in a majority capacity; and

26 (c) It demonstrates an ongoing capacity to:

27 (i) Lead health improvement activities within the region with other
28 local systems to improve health outcomes and the overall health of the
29 community, improve health care quality, and lower costs; and

30 (ii) Distribute tools and resources from the health extension
31 program created in section 5 of this act.

32 (3) In awarding grants under this section, the authority shall
33 consider the extent to which the applicant will:

34 (a) Base decisions on public input and an active collaboration
35 among key community partners, which can include, but are not limited
36 to, local governments, housing providers, school districts, early
37 learning regional coalitions, large and small businesses, labor

1 organizations, health and human service organizations, tribal
2 governments, health carriers, providers, hospitals, public health
3 agencies, and consumers;

4 (b) Match the grant funding with funds from other sources; and

5 (c) Demonstrate capability for sustainability without reliance on
6 state general fund appropriations.

7 (4) The authority may prioritize applications that commit to
8 providing at least one dollar in matching funds for each grant dollar
9 awarded.

10 (5) Before grant funds are disbursed, the authority and the
11 applicant must agree on performance requirements.

12 (6) The authority may adopt rules necessary to implement this
13 section, but may not adopt rules, policies, or procedures beyond the
14 scope of the authority granted in this section.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
18 specific purpose, the department shall establish a health extension
19 program to provide training, tools, and technical assistance to primary
20 care, behavioral health, and other providers. The program must
21 emphasize high quality preventive, chronic disease, and behavioral
22 health care that is comprehensive and evidence-based.

23 (2) The health extension program must coordinate dissemination of
24 evidence-based tools and resources that promote:

25 (a) Integration of physical and behavioral health;

26 (b) Clinical decision support to promote evidence-based care;

27 (c) Reports of the Robert Bree collaborative created by RCW
28 70.250.050 and findings of health technology assessments under RCW
29 70.14.080 through 70.14.130;

30 (d) Methods of formal assessment;

31 (e) Support for patients managing their own conditions;

32 (f) Identification and use of resources that are available in the
33 community for patients and their families, including community health
34 workers; and

35 (g) Identification of evidence-based models to effectively treat
36 depression and other conditions in primary care settings, such as the
37 program advancing integrated mental health solutions, and others.

1 (3) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this
2 section, but may not adopt rules, policies, or procedures beyond the
3 scope of authority granted in this section.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) There is created a performance measures committee, the purpose
7 of which is to identify and recommend standard statewide measures of
8 health performance to inform public and private health care purchasers
9 and to propose benchmarks to track costs and improvements in health
10 outcomes.

11 (2) Members of the committee must include representation from state
12 agencies, small and large employers, health plans, patient groups,
13 federally recognized tribes, consumers, academic experts on health care
14 measurement, hospitals, physicians, and other providers. The governor
15 shall appoint the members of the committee, except that a statewide
16 association representing hospitals may appoint a member representing
17 hospitals, and a statewide association representing physicians may
18 appoint a member representing physicians. The governor shall ensure
19 that members represent diverse geographic locations and both rural and
20 urban communities. The chief executive officer of the lead
21 organization must also serve on the committee. The committee must be
22 chaired by the director of the authority.

23 (3) The committee shall develop a transparent process for selecting
24 performance measures, and the process must include opportunities for
25 public comment.

26 (4) By January 1, 2015, the committee shall submit the performance
27 measures to the authority. The measures must include dimensions of:

- 28 (a) Prevention and screening;
- 29 (b) Effective management of chronic conditions;
- 30 (c) Key health outcomes;
- 31 (d) Care coordination and patient safety; and
- 32 (e) Use of the lowest cost, highest quality care for preventive
33 care and acute and chronic conditions.

34 (5) The committee shall develop a measure set that:

- 35 (a) Is of manageable size;
- 36 (b) Is based on readily available claims and clinical data;

1 (c) Gives preference to nationally reported measures and, where
2 nationally reported measures may not be appropriate, measures used by
3 state agencies that purchase health care or commercial health plans;

4 (d) Focuses on the overall performance of the system, including
5 outcomes and total cost;

6 (e) Is aligned with the governor's performance management system
7 measures and common measure requirements specific to medicaid delivery
8 systems under RCW 70.320.020 and 43.20A.895;

9 (f) Considers the needs of different stakeholders and the
10 populations served; and

11 (g) Is usable by multiple payers, providers, hospitals, purchasers,
12 public health, and communities as part of health improvement, care
13 improvement, provider payment systems, benefit design, and
14 administrative simplification for providers and hospitals.

15 (6) State agencies shall use the measure set developed under this
16 section to inform and set benchmarks for purchasing decisions.

17 (7) The committee shall establish a public process to periodically
18 evaluate the measure set and make additions or changes to the measure
19 set as needed.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 74.09 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 (1) The authority and the department may restructure medicaid
23 procurement of health care services and agreements with managed care
24 systems on a phased basis to better support integrated physical health,
25 mental health, and chemical dependency treatment, consistent with
26 assumptions in Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 6312, Laws of 2014,
27 and recommendations provided by the behavioral health task force. The
28 authority and the department may develop and utilize innovative
29 mechanisms to promote and sustain integrated clinical models of
30 physical and behavioral health care.

31 (2) The authority and the department may incorporate the following
32 principles into future medicaid procurement efforts aimed at
33 integrating the delivery of physical and behavioral health services:

34 (a) Medicaid purchasing must support delivery of integrated,
35 person-centered care that addresses the spectrum of individuals' health
36 needs in the context of the communities in which they live and with the
37 availability of care continuity as their health needs change;

1 (b) Accountability for the client outcomes established in RCW
2 43.20A.895 and 71.36.025 and performance measures linked to those
3 outcomes;

4 (c) Medicaid benefit design must recognize that adequate preventive
5 care, crisis intervention, and support services promote a recovery-
6 focused approach;

7 (d) Evidence-based care interventions and continuous quality
8 improvement must be enforced through contract specifications and
9 performance measures that provide meaningful integration at the patient
10 care level with broadly distributed accountability for results;

11 (e) Active purchasing and oversight of medicaid managed care
12 contracts is a state responsibility;

13 (f) A deliberate and flexible system change plan with identified
14 benchmarks to promote system stability, provide continuity of treatment
15 for patients, and protect essential existing behavioral health system
16 infrastructure and capacity; and

17 (g) Community and organizational readiness are key determinants of
18 implementation timing; a phased approach is therefore desirable.

19 (3) The principles identified in subsection (2) of this section are
20 not intended to create an individual entitlement to services.

21 (4) The authority shall increase the use of value based
22 contracting, alternative quality contracting, and other payment
23 incentives that promote quality, efficiency, cost savings, and health
24 improvement, for medicaid and public employee purchasing. The
25 authority shall also implement additional chronic disease management
26 techniques that reduce the subsequent need for hospitalization or
27 readmissions. It is the intent of the legislature that the reforms the
28 authority implements under this subsection are anticipated to reduce
29 extraneous medical costs, across all medical programs, when fully
30 phased in by fiscal year 2017 to generate budget savings identified in
31 the omnibus appropriations act.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The definitions in this section apply
33 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

34 (1) "Authority" means the health care authority.

35 (2) "Carrier" and "health carrier" have the same meaning as in RCW
36 48.43.005.

1 (3) "Claims data" means the data required by section 11 of this act
2 to be submitted to the database, as defined by the director in rule.
3 "Claims data" includes: (a) Claims data related to health care
4 coverage and services funded, in whole or in part, in the omnibus
5 appropriations act, including coverage and services funded by
6 appropriated and nonappropriated state and federal moneys, for medicaid
7 programs and the public employees benefits board program; and (b)
8 claims data voluntarily provided by other data suppliers, including
9 carriers and self-funded employers.

10 (4) "Database" means the statewide all-payer health care claims
11 database established in section 10 of this act.

12 (5) "Director" means the director of financial management.

13 (6) "Lead organization" means the organization selected under
14 section 10 of this act.

15 (7) "Office" means the office of financial management.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The legislature finds that:

17 (1) The activities authorized by this chapter will require
18 collaboration among state agencies and local governments that purchase
19 health care, private health carriers, third-party purchasers, health
20 care providers, and hospitals. These activities will identify
21 strategies to increase the quality and effectiveness of health care
22 delivered in Washington state and are therefore in the best interest of
23 the public.

24 (2) The benefits of collaboration, together with active state
25 supervision, outweigh potential adverse impacts. Therefore, the
26 legislature intends to exempt from state antitrust laws, and provide
27 immunity through the state action doctrine from federal antitrust laws,
28 activities that are undertaken, reviewed, and approved by the office
29 pursuant to this chapter that might otherwise be constrained by such
30 laws. The legislature does not intend and does not authorize any
31 person or entity to engage in activities not provided for by this
32 chapter, and the legislature neither exempts nor provides immunity for
33 such activities including, but not limited to, agreements among
34 competing providers or carriers to set prices or specific levels of
35 reimbursement for health care services.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** (1) The office shall establish a statewide
2 all-payer health care claims database to support transparent public
3 reporting of health care information. The database must improve
4 transparency to: Assist patients, providers, and hospitals to make
5 informed choices about care; enable providers, hospitals, and
6 communities to improve by benchmarking their performance against that
7 of others by focusing on best practices; enable purchasers to identify
8 value, build expectations into their purchasing strategy, and reward
9 improvements over time; and promote competition based on quality and
10 cost.

11 (2) The director shall select a lead organization to coordinate and
12 manage the database. The lead organization is responsible for internal
13 governance, management, funding, and operations of the database. At
14 the direction of the office, the lead organization shall:

15 (a) Collect claims data from data suppliers as provided in section
16 11 of this act;

17 (b) Design data collection mechanisms with consideration for the
18 time and cost involved in collection and the benefits that measurement
19 would achieve;

20 (c) Ensure protection of collected data and store and use any data
21 with patient-specific information in a manner that protects patient
22 privacy;

23 (d) Consistent with the requirements of this chapter, make
24 information from the database available as a resource for public and
25 private entities, including carriers, employers, providers, hospitals,
26 and purchasers of health care;

27 (e) Report performance on cost and quality pursuant to section 14
28 of this act using, but not limited to, the performance measures
29 developed under section 6 of this act;

30 (f) Develop protocols and policies to ensure the quality of data
31 releases;

32 (g) Develop a plan for the financial sustainability of the database
33 and charge fees not to exceed five thousand dollars unless otherwise
34 negotiated for reports and data files as needed to fund the database.
35 Any fees must be approved by the office and must be comparable across
36 data requesters and users; and

37 (h) Convene advisory committees with the approval and participation
38 of the office, including: (i) A committee on data policy development;

1 and (ii) a committee to establish a data release process consistent
2 with the requirements of this chapter and to provide advice regarding
3 formal data release requests. The advisory committees must include
4 representation from key provider, hospital, payer, public health,
5 health maintenance organization, purchaser, and consumer organizations.

6 (3) The lead organization governance structure and advisory
7 committees must include representation of the third-party administrator
8 of the uniform medical plan. A payer, health maintenance organization,
9 or third-party administrator must be a data supplier to the all-payer
10 health care claims database to be represented on the lead organization
11 governance structure or advisory committees.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) Data suppliers must submit claims data
13 to the database within the time frames established by the director in
14 rule and in accordance with procedures established by the lead
15 organization.

16 (2) An entity that is not a data supplier but that chooses to
17 participate in the database shall require any third-party administrator
18 utilized by the entity's plan to release any claims data related to
19 persons receiving health coverage from the plan.

20 (3) Each data supplier shall submit an annual status report to the
21 office regarding its compliance with this section. The report to the
22 legislature required by section 2 of this act must include a summary of
23 these status reports.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** (1) The claims data provided to the
25 database, the database itself, including the data compilation, and any
26 raw data received from the database are not public records and are
27 exempt from public disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW.

28 (2) Claims data obtained in the course of activities undertaken
29 pursuant to or supported under this chapter are not subject to subpoena
30 or similar compulsory process in any civil or criminal, judicial, or
31 administrative proceeding, nor may any individual or organization with
32 lawful access to data under this chapter be compelled to testify with
33 regard to such data, except that data pertaining to a party in
34 litigation may be subject to subpoena or similar compulsory process in
35 an action brought by or on behalf of such individual to enforce any
36 liability arising under this chapter.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** (1) Except as otherwise required by law,
2 claims or other data from the database shall only be available for
3 retrieval in original or processed form to public and private
4 requesters pursuant to this section and shall be made available within
5 a reasonable time after the request.

6 (2) Except as otherwise required by law, the office shall direct
7 the lead organization to maintain the confidentiality of claims or
8 other data it collects for the database that include direct and
9 indirect patient identifiers. Any agency, researcher, or other person
10 that receives claims or other data under this section containing direct
11 or indirect patient identifiers must also maintain confidentiality and
12 may not release such claims or other data except as consistent with
13 this section. The office shall oversee the lead organization's release
14 of data as follows:

15 (a) Claims or other data that include direct or indirect patient
16 identifiers, as specifically defined in rule, may be released to:

17 (i) Federal, state, and local government agencies upon receipt of
18 a signed data use agreement with the office and the lead organization;
19 and

20 (ii) Researchers with approval of an institutional review board
21 upon receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement with the office and
22 the lead organization.

23 (b) Claims or other data that do not contain direct patient
24 identifiers but that may contain indirect patient identifiers may be
25 released to agencies, researchers, and other persons upon receipt of a
26 signed data use agreement with the lead organization.

27 (c) Claims or other data that do not contain direct or indirect
28 patient identifiers may be released upon request.

29 (3) Recipients of claims or other data under subsection (2)(a) or
30 (b) of this section must agree in a data use agreement or a
31 confidentiality agreement to, at a minimum:

32 (a) Take steps to protect direct and indirect patient identifying
33 information as described in the agreement; and

34 (b) Not redisclose the data except as authorized in the agreement
35 consistent with the purpose of the agreement or as otherwise required
36 by law.

37 (4) Recipients of the claims or other data under subsection (2)(b)
38 of this section must not attempt to determine the identity of persons

1 whose information is included in the data set or use the claims or
2 other data in any manner that identifies the individuals or their
3 families.

4 (5) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply
5 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

6 (a) "Direct patient identifier" means information that identifies
7 a patient.

8 (b) "Indirect patient identifier" means information that may
9 identify a patient when combined with other information.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** (1) Under the supervision of the office,
11 the lead organization shall prepare health care data reports using the
12 database and the statewide health performance and quality measure set,
13 including only those measures that can be completed with readily
14 available claims data. Prior to releasing any health care data reports
15 that use claims data, the lead organization must submit the reports to
16 the office for review and approval.

17 (2)(a) Health care data reports prepared by the lead organization
18 that use claims data must assist the legislature and the public with
19 awareness and promotion of transparency in the health care market by
20 reporting on:

21 (i) Whether providers and health systems deliver efficient, high
22 quality care; and

23 (ii) Geographic and other variations in medical care and costs as
24 demonstrated by data available to the lead organization.

25 (b) Measures in the health care data reports should be stratified
26 by demography, income, language, health status, and geography when
27 feasible with available data to identify disparities in care and
28 successful efforts to reduce disparities.

29 (c) Comparisons of costs among providers and health care systems
30 must account for differences in acuity of patients, as appropriate and
31 feasible, and must take into consideration the cost impact of
32 subsidization for uninsured and governmental patients, as well as
33 teaching expenses, when feasible with available data.

34 (3) The lead organization may not publish any data or health care
35 data reports that:

36 (a) Directly or indirectly identify patients;

1 (b) Disclose specific terms of contracts, discounts, or fixed
2 reimbursement arrangements or other specific reimbursement arrangements
3 between an individual provider and a specific payer; or

4 (c) Compares performance in a report generated for the general
5 public that includes any provider in a practice with fewer than five
6 providers.

7 (4) The lead organization may not release a report that compares
8 and identifies providers, hospitals, or data suppliers unless it:

9 (a) Allows the data supplier, the hospital, or the provider to
10 verify the accuracy of the information submitted to the lead
11 organization and submit to the lead organization any corrections of
12 errors with supporting evidence and comments within forty-five days of
13 receipt of the report; and

14 (b) Corrects data found to be in error within a reasonable amount
15 of time.

16 (5) The office and the lead organization may use claims data to
17 identify and make available information on payers, providers, and
18 facilities, but may not use claims data to recommend or incentivize
19 direct contracting between providers and employers.

20 (6) The lead organization shall ensure that no individual data
21 supplier comprises more than twenty-five percent of the claims data
22 used in any report or other analysis generated from the database. For
23 purposes of this subsection, a "data supplier" means a carrier and any
24 self-insured employer that uses the carrier's provider contracts.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** (1) The director shall adopt any rules
26 necessary to implement this chapter, including:

27 (a) Definitions of claim and data files that data suppliers must
28 submit to the database, including: Files for covered medical services,
29 pharmacy claims, and dental claims; member eligibility and enrollment
30 data; and provider data with necessary identifiers;

31 (b) Deadlines for submission of claim files;

32 (c) Penalties for failure to submit claim files as required;

33 (d) Procedures for ensuring that all data received from data
34 suppliers are securely collected and stored in compliance with state
35 and federal law; and

36 (e) Procedures for ensuring compliance with state and federal
37 privacy laws.

1 (2) The director may not adopt rules, policies, or procedures
2 beyond the authority granted in this chapter.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** A new section is added to chapter 48.02 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The commissioner may not use data acquired from the statewide
6 all-payer health care claims database created in section 10 of this act
7 for purposes of reviewing rates pursuant to this title.

8 (2) The commissioner's authority to access data from any other
9 source for rate review pursuant to this title is not otherwise
10 curtailed, even if that data may have been separately submitted to the
11 statewide all-payer health care claims database.

12 **Sec. 17.** RCW 42.56.360 and 2013 c 19 s 47 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) The following health care information is exempt from disclosure
15 under this chapter:

16 (a) Information obtained by the pharmacy quality assurance
17 commission as provided in RCW 69.45.090;

18 (b) Information obtained by the pharmacy quality assurance
19 commission or the department of health and its representatives as
20 provided in RCW 69.41.044, 69.41.280, and 18.64.420;

21 (c) Information and documents created specifically for, and
22 collected and maintained by a quality improvement committee under RCW
23 43.70.510, 70.230.080, or 70.41.200, or by a peer review committee
24 under RCW 4.24.250, or by a quality assurance committee pursuant to RCW
25 74.42.640 or 18.20.390, or by a hospital, as defined in RCW 43.70.056,
26 for reporting of health care-associated infections under RCW 43.70.056,
27 a notification of an incident under RCW 70.56.040(5), and reports
28 regarding adverse events under RCW 70.56.020(2)(b), regardless of which
29 agency is in possession of the information and documents;

30 (d)(i) Proprietary financial and commercial information that the
31 submitting entity, with review by the department of health,
32 specifically identifies at the time it is submitted and that is
33 provided to or obtained by the department of health in connection with
34 an application for, or the supervision of, an antitrust exemption
35 sought by the submitting entity under RCW 43.72.310;

1 (ii) If a request for such information is received, the submitting
2 entity must be notified of the request. Within ten business days of
3 receipt of the notice, the submitting entity shall provide a written
4 statement of the continuing need for confidentiality, which shall be
5 provided to the requester. Upon receipt of such notice, the department
6 of health shall continue to treat information designated under this
7 subsection (1)(d) as exempt from disclosure;

8 (iii) If the requester initiates an action to compel disclosure
9 under this chapter, the submitting entity must be joined as a party to
10 demonstrate the continuing need for confidentiality;

11 (e) Records of the entity obtained in an action under RCW 18.71.300
12 through 18.71.340;

13 (f) Complaints filed under chapter 18.130 RCW after July 27, 1997,
14 to the extent provided in RCW 18.130.095(1);

15 (g) Information obtained by the department of health under chapter
16 70.225 RCW;

17 (h) Information collected by the department of health under chapter
18 70.245 RCW except as provided in RCW 70.245.150;

19 (i) Cardiac and stroke system performance data submitted to
20 national, state, or local data collection systems under RCW
21 70.168.150(2)(b); (~~and~~)

22 (j) All documents, including completed forms, received pursuant to
23 a wellness program under RCW 41.04.362, but not statistical reports
24 that do not identify an individual; and

25 (k) Data and information exempt from disclosure under section 12 of
26 this act.

27 (2) Chapter 70.02 RCW applies to public inspection and copying of
28 health care information of patients.

29 (3)(a) Documents related to infant mortality reviews conducted
30 pursuant to RCW 70.05.170 are exempt from disclosure as provided for in
31 RCW 70.05.170(3).

32 (b)(i) If an agency provides copies of public records to another
33 agency that are exempt from public disclosure under this subsection
34 (3), those records remain exempt to the same extent the records were
35 exempt in the possession of the originating entity.

36 (ii) For notice purposes only, agencies providing exempt records
37 under this subsection (3) to other agencies may mark any exempt records

1 as "exempt" so that the receiving agency is aware of the exemption,
2 however whether or not a record is marked exempt does not affect
3 whether the record is actually exempt from disclosure.

4 **Sec. 18.** RCW 70.02.045 and 2000 c 5 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Third-party payors shall not release health care information
7 disclosed under this chapter, except as required by chapter 43.--- RCW
8 (the new chapter created in section 22 of this act) and to the extent
9 that health care providers are authorized to do so under RCW 70.02.050.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** If any provision of this act or its
11 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
12 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
13 persons or circumstances is not affected.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** Section 3 of this act constitutes a new
15 chapter in Title 44 RCW.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** Section 4 of this act expires July 1, 2020.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** Sections 8 through 15 of this act
18 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW."

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19 On page 1, line 5 of the title, after "supports;" strike the
20 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 42.56.360 and
21 70.02.045; adding new sections to chapter 41.05 RCW; adding a new
22 section to chapter 43.70 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.09
23 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.02 RCW; adding a new chapter to
24 Title 44 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; creating new
25 sections; and providing an expiration date."

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