

2SHB 2335 - S COMM AMD  
By Committee on Health Care

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

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

5 (1)(a) A health carrier may use the database selected pursuant to  
6 RCW 48.165.035 to accept and manage credentialing applications from  
7 health care providers.

8 (b) Effective June 1, 2018, a health carrier shall make a  
9 determination approving or denying a credentialing application  
10 submitted to the carrier no later than ninety days after receiving a  
11 complete application from a health care provider.

12 (c) Effective June 1, 2020, a health carrier shall make a  
13 determination approving or denying a credentialing application  
14 submitted to the carrier no later than ninety days after receiving a  
15 complete application from a health care provider. All determinations  
16 made by a health carrier in approving or denying credentialing  
17 applications must average no more than sixty days.

18 (d) This section does not require health carriers to approve a  
19 credentialing application or to place providers into a network.

20 (2) This section does not apply to health care entities that  
21 utilize credentialing delegation arrangements in the credentialing of  
22 their health care providers with health carriers.

23 (3) For purposes of this section, "credentialing" means the  
24 collection, verification, and assessment of whether a health care  
25 provider meets relevant licensing, education, and training  
26 requirements.

27 (4) Nothing in this section creates an oversight or enforcement  
28 duty on behalf of the office of the insurance commissioner against a  
29 health carrier for failure to comply with the terms of this section.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70  
31 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) When submitting a credentialing application to a health  
2 carrier, a health care provider may submit the application to health  
3 carriers using the database selected pursuant to RCW 48.165.035.

4 (2) A health care provider shall update credentialing information  
5 as necessary to provide for the purposes of recredentialing.

6 (3) This section does not apply to providers practicing at  
7 entities that utilize credentialing delegation arrangements in the  
8 credentialing of their health care providers with health carriers.

9 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
10 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

11 (a) "Credentialing" has the same meaning as in section 1 of this  
12 act.

13 (b) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as in RCW  
14 48.43.005(23)(a).

15 (c) "Health carrier" has the same meaning as in RCW 48.43.005.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect June 1, 2018."

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17 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "credentialing;" strike the  
18 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
19 48.43 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; and providing  
20 an effective date."

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