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1 AN ACT Relating to health care provider credentialing; adding a  
2 new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter  
3 18.130 RCW.

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

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

7 (1) The insurance commissioner shall utilize the uniform  
8 electronic process created by RCW 48.165.035 as a database that  
9 manages health care providers' credentialing information and makes  
10 the information available to health benefit plans.

11 (2) A health benefit plan shall use the database selected  
12 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to accept and manage  
13 credentialing applications from health care providers.

14 (a) A health benefit plan shall make a determination approving or  
15 denying a credentialing application submitted to the plan no later  
16 than fifteen days after receiving a complete application from a  
17 health care provider.

18 (b) If a health care provider submits an incomplete credentialing  
19 application to a health benefit plan, the plan shall notify the  
20 health care provider in writing no later than five days after receipt  
21 of the application that the application is incomplete. The notice

1 must explain what additions or corrections to the application are  
2 necessary for the application to be considered complete.

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

5 (a) "Credentialing" means the collection, verification, and  
6 assessment of whether a health care provider meets relevant  
7 licensing, education, and training requirements.

8 (b) "Health care provider" means a person authorized to issue  
9 orders or prescriptions for legend drugs as provided in RCW  
10 69.41.030.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.130  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) A health care provider shall submit credentialing  
14 applications to health benefit plans using the database selected by  
15 the insurance commissioner under section 1 of this act.

16 (2) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply  
17 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

18 (a) "Credentialing" means the collection, verification, and  
19 assessment of whether a health care provider meets relevant  
20 licensing, education, and training requirements.

21 (b) "Health benefit plan" has the same meaning as in RCW  
22 48.43.005.

23 (c) "Health care provider" means a person authorized to issue  
24 orders or prescriptions for legend drugs as provided in RCW  
25 69.41.030.

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