
HOUSE BILL 1619

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By Representatives Farrell and Pollet

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1 AN ACT Relating to health care cost transparency; creating a new
2 section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) By December 1, 2018, the office of
5 the insurance commissioner shall adopt rules to ensure that an
6 enrollee may obtain an estimate of his or her out-of-pocket costs for
7 a covered health care service prior to the service being provided.

8 (b) To develop the content of the rules, the insurance
9 commissioner shall convene a work group of interested parties and
10 relevant state agencies. The work group must consider and the rules
11 must address: The information that must be provided to the enrollee;
12 the time frame within which information must be provided to the
13 enrollee; the persons or entities that should be responsible for
14 providing the estimated costs to the enrollee; and how to
15 operationalize the system for providing an enrollee with estimated
16 costs.

17 (2) For purposes of this section, "enrollee," "health care
18 service," and "health plan" have the same meaning as defined in RCW
19 48.43.005.

1 (3) This section expires December 31, 2018.

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