

HB 1552 - H AMD 1369

By Representative Cody

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

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 48.43.750 and 2016 c 123 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1)(a) A health carrier (~~shall~~) must use the database selected
6 pursuant to RCW 48.165.035 to accept and manage credentialing
7 applications from health care providers. A health carrier may not
8 require a health care provider to submit credentialing information in
9 any format other than through the database selected pursuant to RCW
10 48.165.035.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) If a carrier approves a health care provider's credentialing
4 application, upon completion of the credentialing process, the
5 carrier must reimburse a health care provider under the following
6 circumstances:

7 (a) When credentialing a new health care provider through a new
8 provider contract, the carrier must reimburse the health care
9 provider for covered services provided to the carrier's enrollee
10 retroactively to the date of contract effectiveness if the
11 credentialing process extends beyond the effective date of the new
12 contract.

13 (b) When credentialing a provider to be added to an approved and
14 in-use provider contract where a relationship existed between the
15 carrier and the health care provider or the entity for whom the
16 health care provider is employed or engaged at the time the health
17 care provider submitted the completed credentialing application, the
18 carrier must reimburse the health care provider for covered health
19 care services provided to the carrier's enrollees during the
20 credentialing process beginning when the health care provider
21 submitted a completed credentialing application to the carrier.

22 (2) The health carrier must reimburse the health care provider at
23 the contracted rate for the applicable health benefit plan that the
24 health care provider would have been paid at the time the services
25 were provided if the health care provider were fully credentialed by
26 the carrier.

27 (3) Nothing in this section requires reimbursement of health care
28 provider-rendered services that are not benefits or services covered
29 by the health carrier's health benefit plan.

30 (4) Nothing in this section requires a health carrier to pay
31 reimbursement for any covered medical services provided by a health
32 care provider applicant if the health care provider's credentialing
33 application is not approved or if the carrier and health care
34 provider do not enter into a contractual relationship."

35 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes changes to the required credentialing timeline to
restore current law. Modifies requirements for when a carrier must

reimburse a health care provider for services provided during the credentialing process.

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