

SSB 6062 - S AMD 955  
By Senator Becker

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 48.150.100 and 2007 c 267 s 12 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Direct practices must submit annual statements, beginning on  
6 October 1, 2007, to the office of (~~{the}~~) the insurance  
7 commissioner specifying the number of providers in each practice,  
8 total number of patients being served, the average direct fee being  
9 charged, providers' names, and the business address for each direct  
10 practice. The form and content for the annual statement must be  
11 developed in a manner prescribed by the commissioner.

12 (2) A health care provider may not act as, or hold himself or  
13 herself out to be, a direct practice in this state, nor may a direct  
14 agreement be entered into with a direct patient in this state, unless  
15 the provider submits the annual statement in subsection (1) of this  
16 section to the commissioner.

17 (3) The commissioner shall report annually to the legislature on  
18 direct practices including, but not limited to, participation trends,  
19 complaints received, voluntary data reported by the direct practices,  
20 and any necessary modifications to this chapter. The initial report  
21 shall be due December 1, 2009.

22 (4) This section expires November 30, 2020.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 48.150  
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this  
26 section, beginning January 1, 2021, direct practices must register  
27 with the office of the insurance commissioner no later than thirty  
28 days prior to engaging in direct practice.

29 (2) To obtain a registration under this section, a direct  
30 practice must submit an application to the office of the insurance  
31 commissioner, containing:

32 (a) A list of providers' names at the practice;

- 1 (b) The business address of the practice;  
2 (c) All direct agreements; and  
3 (d) A written affirmation that the direct practice provider has  
4 read and understands the obligations under this chapter.  
5 (3) A direct practice that filed an annual statement under RCW  
6 48.150.100 during calendar year 2020 will be automatically registered  
7 by the office of the insurance commissioner.  
8 (4) A registered direct practice must:  
9 (a) Notify the insurance commissioner in writing of:  
10 (i) A change of address; or  
11 (ii) A discontinuation of the practice; and  
12 (b) File updated direct agreements following any material change  
13 to the agreement.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act takes effect January  
15 1, 2021."

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16 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "oversight;" strike the  
17 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 48.150.100; adding a  
18 new section to chapter 48.150 RCW; providing an effective date; and  
19 providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Expires the requirement that direct practices submit annual statements to OIC on December 31, 2020. Beginning January 1, 2021, requires direct practices to register with the OIC and to file updates to direct agreements.

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