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1 AN ACT Relating to providing notice about network adequacy to
2 consumers; and adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

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

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

6 (1) Beginning with the 2020 plan year, a health carrier shall
7 post on its web site information on the carrier's compliance with
8 network adequacy standards adopted by the commissioner for each of
9 the carrier's health plans. The information must, at a minimum,
10 include:

11 (a) The most current geographic network reports submitted to the
12 commissioner; and

13 (b) An estimate of the percentage of time enrollees are able to
14 access covered services within the time limits required by the
15 commissioner. The health carrier must post a separate estimate for
16 each category of services for which the commissioner has specified
17 such limits.

18 (2) The health carrier must post the information required by this
19 section prominently and in an easily understandable format. The
20 commissioner shall, by rule, specify a model format for the
21 information. The commissioner shall deem a health carrier that uses

1 the commissioner's model format to be in compliance with this
2 subsection.

3 (3) The health carrier must update the information posted under
4 this section at least quarterly. To help consumers make purchasing
5 decisions, the health carrier must continue to post the information
6 required by this section for at least two years after the end of the
7 applicable plan year.

8 (4) The commissioner may audit the information a health carrier
9 posts under this section for accuracy.

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