

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2677**

66th Legislature  
2020 Regular Session

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2677** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Chopp, Cody, Tharinger, Leavitt, and Davis; by request of Health Care Authority

Read first time 01/17/20. Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

1 AN ACT Relating to sharing health insurance information to  
2 improve the coordination of benefits between health insurers and the  
3 health care authority; and amending RCW 74.09A.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.09A.020 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 15 s 119 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) ~~((The authority shall provide routine and periodic~~  
8 ~~computerized information to))~~ Health insurers ((regarding client  
9 ~~eligibility and coverage information. Health insurers)) shall share~~  
10 all beneficiary eligibility and coverage information with the  
11 authority for the purpose of identifying joint beneficiaries. The  
12 authority shall use this information to identify joint beneficiaries.  
13 ~~((Identification of joint beneficiaries shall be transmitted to the~~  
14 ~~authority.))~~ The authority shall use this information to improve  
15 accuracy and currency of health insurance coverage and to promote  
16 improved coordination of benefits.

17 (2) To the maximum extent possible, necessary data elements and a  
18 compatible database shall be developed by affected health insurers  
19 and the authority. The authority shall establish a representative  
20 group of health insurers and state agency representatives to develop  
21 necessary technical and file specifications to promote a standardized

1 database. The database shall include elements essential to the  
2 authority and its population's health insurance coverage information.

3 (3) If the state and health insurers enter into other agreements  
4 regarding the use of common computer standards, the database  
5 identified in this section shall be replaced by the new common  
6 computer standards.

7 (4) The information provided will be of sufficient detail to  
8 promote reliable and accurate benefit coordination and identification  
9 of individuals who are also eligible for authority programs.

10 (5) The frequency of updates will be mutually agreed to by each  
11 health insurer and the authority based on frequency of change and  
12 operational limitations. (~~In no event shall the computerized data be  
13 provided less than semiannually.~~)

14 (6) The health insurers and the authority shall safeguard and  
15 properly use the information to protect records as provided by law,  
16 including but not limited to chapters 42.48, 74.09, 74.04, 70.02, and  
17 42.56 RCW, and 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396a and 42 C.F.R. Sec. 43 et seq. The  
18 purpose of this exchange of information is to improve coordination  
19 and administration of benefits and ensure that medical insurance  
20 benefits are properly utilized.

21 (7) The authority shall target implementation of this section to  
22 those health insurers with the highest probability of joint  
23 beneficiaries.

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