
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6062

State of Washington

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2020 Regular Session

By Senate Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Becker and Short)

READ FIRST TIME 01/21/20.

1 AN ACT Relating to direct primary care oversight; amending RCW
2 48.150.100; adding a new section to chapter 48.150 RCW; providing an
3 effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 48.150.100 and 2007 c 267 s 12 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

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

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

19 (3) The commissioner shall report annually to the legislature on
20 direct practices including, but not limited to, participation trends,
21 complaints received, voluntary data reported by the direct practices,

1 and any necessary modifications to this chapter. The initial report
2 shall be due December 1, 2009.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.150
5 RCW to read as follows:

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

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

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

14 (b) The business address of the practice;

15 (c) All direct agreements; and

16 (d) A written affirmation that the direct practice provider has
17 read and understands the obligations under this chapter.

18 (3) A direct practice that filed an annual statement under RCW
19 48.150.100 during calendar year 2020 will be automatically registered
20 by the office of the insurance commissioner.

21 (4) A registered direct practice must:

22 (a) Notify the insurance commissioner in writing of:

23 (i) A change of address; or

24 (ii) A discontinuation of the practice; and

25 (b) File updated direct agreements following any material change
26 to the agreement.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act takes effect January
28 1, 2021.

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