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SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5596

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Benton, Kline, Poulsen, Keiser, and Roach)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fair payment for chiropractic services; and  
2 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 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A health carrier may not develop and use provider and benefit  
7 payment methodologies that pay for chiropractic services in a lesser  
8 amount than the carrier pays for substantially similar health care  
9 services provided by a different profession. The carrier may not use  
10 a payment methodology that would pay chiropractors less than any other  
11 type of provider for the same billing and payment code.

12 (2) This section applies only to payment methodologies developed or  
13 used on and after January 1, 2009.

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