
SENATE BILL 5150

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By Senators Keiser, Becker, Frockt, Parlette, Conway, Jayapal,
Cleveland, Bailey, and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to provider notification of carrier network
2 changes; and adding a new section to chapter 48.39 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 48.39
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Health insurance carriers licensed under chapters 48.20,
7 48.21, 48.44, and 48.46 RCW must provide notice to health care
8 providers of changes in provider networks including the buying,
9 selling, or transferring of a provider network. The notice must be
10 provided not less than sixty days in advance of the network change
11 and must inform the providers that they may choose to opt out of the
12 network change.

13 (2) Health insurance carriers may not publish or advertise
14 provider networks that include the newly acquired or transferred
15 providers until the providers advance notification period is complete
16 to ensure providers have opportunity to opt out of the network
17 change.

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