
SENATE BILL 5928

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By Senators Kohl-Welles and Franklin

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1 AN ACT Relating to industrial insurance compensation for medical or
2 surgical treatment for intractable pain; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 51.36 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 51.36 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Upon request of the treating provider, the department must
8 authorize coverage for a trial on an individual worker entitled to
9 benefits under this title of an implantable medical device intended to
10 treat chronic intractable pain otherwise approved by the United States
11 food and drug administration and considered standard of care throughout
12 the interventional pain medical community.

13 (2) If, after conducting the trial under subsection (1) of this
14 section, the treating provider finds individual success in curing or
15 relieving the symptoms of the individual worker entitled to benefits
16 under this title, the department shall determine that the implantable
17 medical device intended to treat chronic intractable pain is proper and
18 necessary treatment for the worker under RCW 51.36.010 and shall
19 authorize coverage for full implantation and follow-up treatment.

1 (3) This section applies prospectively to all claims regardless of
2 the date of injury.

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