

In the adoption of rules under the authority of this chapter, the department shall provide for the publication and dissemination to nursing homes, state hospitals, and nursing home and state hospital employees and the posting where appropriate by nursing homes and state hospitals of informational, educational, or training materials calculated to aid and assist in achieving the objectives of this chapter.

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CHAPTER 175

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3415]

HEALTH CARE SERVICE CONTRACTS, REGISTERED NURSES' SERVICES

AN ACT Relating to health care contracts; and adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 48.44 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, for any health care service contract thereunder which is entered into or renewed after the effective date of this act, benefits shall not be denied under such contract for any health care service performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.88 RCW if (1) the service performed was within the lawful scope of such person's license, and (2) such contract would have provided benefits if such service had been performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW: **PROVIDED, HOWEVER,** That no provision of chapter 18.71 RCW shall be asserted to deny benefits under this section: **AND PROVIDED FURTHER,** That no part of this section shall apply to agreements entered into or renewed by a health maintenance organization which provides comprehensive health care services directly to enrolled participants of such organization on a group practice per capita prepayment basis, and which is a health maintenance organization registered under chapter 48.46 RCW or a federally qualified health maintenance organization.

The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and procedural to the extent that they do not impair the obligation of any existing contract.

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