

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. The sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1987, from the general fund to the department of trade and economic development for the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of this act.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW to read as follows:

The legislature hereby acknowledges the growing importance of trade development services in increasing the promotion and export of Washington products and facilitating trade through the state. It is important for the state to act as a partner to other public and private organizations to provide for a coordinated trade information network for users of trade services.

(1) The department is directed to utilize a sum of up to fifty thousand dollars from the surplus funds in the state trade fair fund, as permitted by RCW 43.31.832, for the purposes of subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The department shall assist in the analysis and development of recommendations to provide for coordinated, accurate, and up-to-date trade information services between users and providers of trade services. A feasibility study shall be conducted of the best and most efficient process available to provide essential trade services to public and private organizations. The department shall encourage private sector involvement and utilize existing resources whenever possible to support product marketing and coordinated trade services.

(3) The department shall report to the legislature by January 1, 1987, on its activities and findings under this section.

(4) This section shall expire on June 30, 1987.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 5. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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## CHAPTER 184

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 4531]

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—INSURANCE COVERAGE

AN ACT Relating to insurance for mental health services; amending RCW 48.21.240, 48.44.340, and 48.46.290; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. It is the intent of the legislature that all insurers, health care service contractors, and health maintenance organizations that provide health care coverage in the state shall offer the option of including mental health treatment in their health benefit plans. Further it is the intent of the legislature that all mental health care benefit plans shall provide reimbursement for mental health treatment by every type of provider listed as follows: Physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW, psychologists licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW, and community mental health agencies licensed under chapter 71.24 RCW.

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 35, Laws of 1983 and RCW 48.21.240 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Each group insurer providing disability insurance coverage in this state for hospital or medical care under contracts which ((is)) are issued, delivered, or renewed in this state on or after July 1, ((1983)) 1986, shall offer optional supplemental coverage for mental health treatment for the insured and the insured's covered dependents.

~~((Treatment shall be covered))~~

(2) Benefits shall be provided under the optional supplemental coverage ((if)) for mental health treatment whether treatment is rendered by: (a) A physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW; (b) a psychologist licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW; or (c) a community mental health agency licensed by the department of social and health services pursuant to chapter 71.24 RCW. The treatment shall be covered at the usual and customary rates for such treatment. The insurer, health care service contractor, or health maintenance organization providing optional coverage under the provisions of this section for mental health services may establish separate usual and customary rates for services rendered by physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW, psychologists licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW, and community mental health centers licensed under chapter 71.24 RCW. However, the treatment may be subject to contract provisions with respect to reasonable deductible amounts or copayments. In order to qualify for coverage under this section, a licensed community mental health agency shall have in effect a plan for quality assurance and peer review, and the treatment shall be supervised by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW or by a psychologist licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW.

~~((2))~~ (3) The group disability insurance contract may provide that all the coverage for mental health treatment is waived for all covered members if the contract holder so states in advance in writing to the insurer.

(4) This section shall not apply to a group disability insurance contract that has been entered into in accordance with a collective bargaining agreement between management and labor representatives prior to the effective date of this 1986 act.

Sec. 3. Section 2, chapter 35, Laws of 1983 and RCW 48.44.340 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Each health care service contractor providing hospital or medical services or benefits in this state under group contracts for health care services under this chapter which ~~((is))~~ are issued, delivered, or renewed in this state on or after July 1, ~~((1983))~~ 1986, shall offer optional supplemental coverage for mental health treatment for the insured and the insured's covered dependents.

~~((Treatment shall be covered))~~ (2) Benefits shall be provided under the optional supplemental coverage ((if)) for mental health treatment whether treatment is rendered by: (a) A physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW; (b) a psychologist licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW; or (c) a community mental health agency licensed by the department of social and health services pursuant to chapter 71.24 RCW. The treatment shall be covered at the usual and customary rates for such treatment. The insurer, health care service contractor, or health maintenance organization providing optional coverage under the provisions of this section for mental health services may establish separate usual and customary rates for services rendered by physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW, psychologists licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW, and community mental health centers licensed under chapter 71.24 RCW. However, the treatment may be subject to contract provisions with respect to reasonable deductible amounts or copayments. In order to qualify for coverage under this section, a licensed community mental health agency shall have in effect a plan for quality assurance and peer review, and the treatment shall be supervised by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW or by a psychologist licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW.

~~((2))~~ (3) The group contract for health care services may provide that all the coverage for mental health treatment is waived for all covered members if the contract holder so states in advance in writing to the health care service contractor.

(4) This section shall not apply to a group health care service contract that has been entered into in accordance with a collective bargaining agreement between management and labor representatives prior to the effective date of this 1986 act.

Sec. 4. Section 3, chapter 35, Laws of 1983 and RCW 48.46.290 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Each health maintenance organization providing services or benefits for hospital or medical care coverage in this state under group health maintenance agreements which ~~((is))~~ are issued, delivered, or renewed in this state on or after July 1, ~~((1983))~~ 1986, shall offer optional supplemental coverage for mental health treatment to the enrolled participant and the enrolled participant's covered dependents.

~~((Treatment shall be covered))~~ (2) Benefits shall be provided under the optional supplemental coverage ((if)) for mental health treatment whether treatment is rendered by the health maintenance organization or ((if)) the

health maintenance organization refers the enrolled participant or the enrolled participant's covered dependents for treatment to: (a) A physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW; (b) a psychologist licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW; or (c) a community mental health agency licensed by the department of social and health services pursuant to chapter 71.24 RCW. The treatment shall be covered at the usual and customary rates for such treatment. The insurer, health care service contractor, or health maintenance organization providing optional coverage under the provisions of this section for mental health services may establish separate usual and customary rates for services rendered by physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW, psychologists licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW, and community mental health centers licensed under chapter 71.24 RCW. However, the treatment may be subject to contract provisions with respect to reasonable deductible amounts or copayments. In order to qualify for coverage under this section, a licensed community mental health agency shall have in effect a plan for quality assurance and peer review, and the treatment shall be supervised by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW or by a psychologist licensed under chapter 18.83 RCW.

~~((2))~~ (3) The group health maintenance agreement may provide that all the coverage for mental health treatment is waived for all covered members if the contract holder so states in advance in writing to the health maintenance organization.

(4) This section shall not apply to a group health maintenance agreement that has been entered into in accordance with a collective bargaining agreement between management and labor representatives prior to the effective date of this 1986 act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This act shall take effect March 1, 1987.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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## CHAPTER 185

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 4571]

### REWARDS

AN ACT Relating to rewards; and amending RCW 10.85.030, 10.85.040, and 10.85.050.

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