

WASHINGTON STATE RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Weekly Report

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We are rapidly moving towards the first cutoff which is next Tuesday in the House, and next Friday in the Senate. This means that any bills that will continue through the process must be passed out of their committee of origin by those deadlines.

WSMA held their Day on the Hill with many physicians from all over the state coming to Olympia. I would like to thank Dr. Smith for attending and representing WSRS in Olympia this week. What bills are truly in play will become much clearer next week, and we will keep you apprised of the status of the bills we are tracking. If you have any concerns about these or any other issues, please feel free to contact Brad Boswell at boswellconsulting@gmail.com.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

		<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
1361	Eliminating mandated health care benefits under state law.	Schmick	Monitor	H, HC/Wellness
ES1740	Establishing a health benefit exchange. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/04/11)	Cody	Monitor	H, HC/Wellness
2057	Limiting payments for health care services provided to low-income enrollees in state purchased health care programs.	Cody	Monitor	H, Ways & Means
2226	Concerning dental practitioners.	Cody	Monitor	H, HC/Wellness
2227	Regarding medical assistants.	Cody	Monitor	H, Exec Action
2319	Implementing the affordable care act.	Cody	Monitor	H, HC/Wellness
2414	Regarding the certification of surgical technologists.	Cody	Monitor	H, HC/Wellness
2473	Creating a medication assistant endorsement for certified nursing assistants who work in nursing homes.	Green	Monitor	H, Exec Action
2522	Requiring certification of music therapists.	Darneille	Monitor	H, HC/Wellness
2523	Regulating insurers and insurance products.	Bailey	Monitor	H, Rules R
2582	Requiring notice to patients for certain charges at a health care facility.	Johnson	Monitor	H, Exec Action
S5310	Concerning false claims against the government. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Kline	Monitor	S, Judiciary
2S5458	Concerning medicaid fraud. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)	Keiser	Monitor	S, Rules X
ES5960	Medicaid fraud (Supplement not yet available.)		Monitor	S, Rules X
6178	Implementing the affordable care act.	Keiser	Monitor	S, Hea/L-T Care
6181	Regulating insurers and insurance products.	Keiser	Monitor	S, FI/Hous/Ins
6227	Establishing a medicaid fraud hotline.	Conway	Monitor	S, Hea/L-T Care
S6237	Creating a career pathway for medical assistants.	Keiser	Monitor	S, Rules 2
6270	Providing that health care professional licensees may not be required to participate in any public or private third-party reimbursement program.	Becker	Monitor	S, Hea/L-T Care
6276	Requiring certification of music therapists.	Conway	Monitor	S, Hea/L-T Care
6360	Creating the Washington health care cost commission.	Keiser	Monitor	S, Hea/L-T Care
6362	Requiring notice to patients for certain charges at a health care	Keiser	Monitor	S, Hea/L-T Care

facility.

DEAD BILLS

S1228	Regarding naturopathic physicians. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Green	Monitor	H, HC/Wellness
1302	Regulating health care insurance.	Jinkins	Monitor	H, HC/Wellness
S1561	Addressing payment for critical services rendered by out-of-network providers in in-network hospitals. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Cody	Monitor	H, HC/Wellness
1798	Concerning the health technology assessment program.	Green	Monitor	H, HC/Wellness
1847	Terminating certain tax preferences to provide funding for maintaining basic health program enrollment.	Cody	Monitor	H, Ways & Means
1878	Imposing penalties for violations by certain self-insurers, third-party administrators, and claims management entities.	Ormsby	Monitor	H, Labor/Work Dev
5396	Concerning the employment of physicians by nursing homes.	Murray	Monitor	S, Hea/L-T Care
S5508	Reauthorizing the joint legislative select committee on health reform implementation. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Parlette	Monitor	S, Rules X
5640	Concerning the health technology assessment program.	Becker	Monitor	S, Hea/L-T Care

CALENDAR ITEMS

1/30/2012	2319	Affordable care act	Health Care & Wellness	1:30 PM	HHR B
1/30/2012	6360	Health care cost commission	Health & Long-Term Care	1:30 PM	SHR 4
1/31/2012	6181	Insurers & insurance products	Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance	10:00 AM	SHR 2
2/1/2012	6276	Music therapists	Health & Long-Term Care	8:00 AM	SHR 4

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

1361 **MANDATED HEALTHCARE BENEFITS** **SCHMICK**
Representatives Schmick, Hinkle, Bailey, McCune, Warnick, Short, Haler, Taylor, Kristiansen, Angel, Johnson, Condotta, and Klippert

Repeals all state mandated health care benefits and replaces them with a requirement that health carriers comply with federal mandates.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1361.pdf>

ES1740 **HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE** **CODY**
House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Schmick, Jinkins, and Hinkle) **Requested by**
Governor Gregoire

Requires the state, by statute, to establish a health benefit exchange consistent with the federal affordable care act to begin operations no later than January 1, 2014.
Requires the state health care authority, in collaboration with the joint select committee on health reform implementation, to: (1) Apply for and implement planning and establishment grants pursuant to the federal affordable care act; and
(2) Develop a broad range of options for establishing and implementing a state-administered health benefit exchange.

Companion Bill: 5445 Health benefit exchange C, 317 L 11
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1740-s.e.pdf>

2057 **STATE PURCHASED HEALTH CARE** **CODY**

Representatives Cody, Hinkle, and Hunter

Requested by
Health Care Authority and Department of
Social and Health Services

Declares an intent to create a legislative solution that: (1) Reduces the cost borne by the state to provide public health care coverage to low-income enrollees in managed health care systems;
(2) Protects enrollees and state purchased health care programs from balance billing by nonparticipating providers;
(3) Provides appropriate payment to health care providers for services provided to enrollees of state purchased health care programs;
and
(4) Limits the risk for managed health care systems that contract with the state programs.

Companion Bill: 5927 State purchased health care C, 9 L 11 E1
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2057.pdf>

2 2 2 6 **DENTAL PRACTITIONERS** **C O D Y**
Representatives Cody, Kenney, Darneille, Jinkins, McCoy, Moscoso, Green, Santos,
Pettigrew, Hasegawa, and Appleton

Addresses dental practitioners and dental hygiene practitioners.

Companion Bill: 6126 Dental practitioners S, Hea/L-T Care
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2226.pdf>

2 2 2 7 **MEDICAL ASSISTANTS** **C O D Y**
Representative Cody

Addresses medical assistants.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2227.pdf>

2 3 1 9 **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT** **C O D Y**
Representatives Cody, Jinkins, and Ormsby
Requested by
Governor Gregoire and Insurance
Commissioner

Furtheres state implementation of the health benefit exchange and related provisions of the affordable care act.

Companion Bill: 6178 Affordable care act S, Hea/L-T Care
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2319.pdf>

2 4 1 4 **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS** **C O D Y**
Representatives Cody, Hinkle, Kelley, Warnick, Green, Schmick, and Harris

Allows only individuals who meet and maintain minimum standards of competence and conduct to engage in the practice of surgical technology.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2414.pdf>

2 4 7 3 **MEDICATION ASSIST. ENDORSMNT** **G R E E N**
Representatives Green, Hinkle, Johnson, Van De Wege, Ryu, and Roberts

Requires the secretary of the department of health to: (1) Beginning July 1, 2013, issue a medication assistant endorsement to a nursing assistant-certified who meets certain requirements; and
(2) Set medication assistant endorsement fees.
Requires the nursing care quality assurance commission to: (1) Approve education and training programs and examinations for

medication assistants; and

(2) Define the prescriber-ordered treatments a medication assistant is authorized to perform.

Prohibits a person, after July 1, 2013, from practicing, or representing himself or herself by any title or description, as a medication assistant without a medication assistant endorsement.

Companion Bill: 6382 Medication assist. endorsmnt S, Hea/L-T Care

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2473.pdf>

2522

MUSIC THERAPISTS

DARNEILLE

Representatives Darneille, Van De Wege, and Goodman

Requires certification of music therapists.

Companion Bill: 6276 Music therapists S, Hea/L-T Care

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2522.pdf>

2523

INSURERS & INSURANCE PRODUCTS

BAILEY

Representatives Bailey, Cody, and Kirby

Requested by
Insurance Commissioner

Modifies provisions relating to insurers and insurance products.

Companion Bill: 6181 Insurers & insurance products S, FI/Hous/Ins

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2523.pdf>

2582

HEALTH CARE SERVICES BILLING

JOHNSON

Representatives Johnson, Cody, Ross, Jinkins, Green, Walsh, Hinkle, Clibborn, Liias, Kenney, Klippert, Smith, Alexander, Warnick, Fagan, Bailey, Ahern, Asay, Dahlquist, Kretz, DeBolt, Angel, Kelley, Hunt, Dickerson, Ladenburg, Orcutt, Zeiger, Wilcox, Finn, Wylie, Probst, Darneille, Moscoso, Kagi, and Tharinger

Requires certain health care facilities to provide notice to patients of items that comprise a facility fee and an estimate of the cost to the patient.

Companion Bill: 6362 Health care services billing S, Hea/L-T Care

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2582.pdf>

S5310

FALSE CLAIMS AGAINST GOVT

KLINE

Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Pflug, and Keiser)

Establishes the Washington state false claims act.

Creates the false claims penalty account.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5310-s.pdf>

25458

MEDICAID FRAUD

KEISER

Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Pflug, Kline, Becker, Conway, Pridemore, Rockefeller, and Parlette)

Establishes the medicaid fraud false claims act.

Creates the medicaid fraud penalty account.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5458-s2.pdf>

ES5960

MEDICAID FRAUD

(Supplement not yet available.)

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5960-s.e.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5960-s.e.pdf)

6178

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Senators Keiser, Conway, and Shin

KEISER

Requested by

Governor Gregoire and Insurance
Commissioner

Furtheres state implementation of the health benefit exchange and related provisions of the affordable care act.

Companion Bill: 2319 Affordable care act H, HC/Wellness

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6178.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6178.pdf)

6181

INSURERS & INSURANCE PRODUCTS

Senators Keiser, Benton, and Hobbs

KEISER

Requested by

Insurance Commissioner

Modifies provisions relating to insurers and insurance products.

Companion Bill: 2523 Insurers & insurance products H, Rules R

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6181.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6181.pdf)

6227

MEDICAID FRAUD HOTLINE

Senators Conway, Keiser, Carrell, Frockt, Pflug, Hargrove, Kline, and Roach

CONWAY

Requires the attorney general to establish a toll-free telephone hotline, funded by the medical quality assurance commission, that is available to members of the public to report suspected medicaid fraud.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6227.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6227.pdf)

S6237

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Senators Keiser, Conway, Kline, Frockt, and Becker

KEISER

Changes the designation of health care assistant to medical assistant.

Provides minimum requirements for entry-level medical assistants.

Requires the department of health to establish a career ladder so that medical assistants can, through experience and education, increase their skills and the procedures in which they are permitted to assist.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6237-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6237-s.pdf)

6270

THIRD-PARTY REIMBURSEMENT

Senators Becker, Keiser, Sheldon, Haugen, Shin, Parlette, Fain, Delvin, Schoesler, Carrell, Holmquist Newbry, Honeyford, Morton, and Kline

BECKER

Prohibits a licensee, subject to the uniform disciplinary act, from being required to participate in any public or private third-party reimbursement program as a condition of licensure.

Companion Bill: 2621 Third-party reimbursement H, HC/Wellness

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6270.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6270.pdf)

6276

MUSIC THERAPISTS

CONWAY

Senators Conway, Keiser, and Pridemore

Requires certification of music therapists.

Companion Bill: 2522 Music therapists

H, HC/Wellness

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6276.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6276.pdf)

6360

HEALTH CARE COST COMMISSION

KEISER

Senators Keiser, Pflug, and Shin

Creates the Washington health care cost commission to provide oversight of health care facility rates, guide payment reform, and ensure accountability and transparency for the public.

Creates a health care cost public service revolving fund.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6360.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6360.pdf)

6362

HEALTH CARE SERVICES BILLING

KEISER

Senators Keiser, King, and Conway

Requires certain health care facilities to provide notice to patients of items that comprise a facility fee and an estimate of the cost to the patient.

Companion Bill: 2582 Health care services billing

H, Exec Action

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6362.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6362.pdf)