CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2464**

Chapter 116, Laws of 2020

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2020 Regular Session

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION--CHARGES

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 11, 2020

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| Passed by the House March 9, 2020  Yeas 96 Nays 0  LAURIE JINKINS  **Speaker of the House of Representatives**  Passed by the Senate March 6, 2020  Yeas 48 Nays 0  CYRUS HABIB  **President of the Senate** | CERTIFICATE  I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2464** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.  BERNARD DEAN  Chief Clerk |
| Approved March 25, 2020 3:03 PM | March 26, 2020 |
| JAY INSLEE  **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 2020 Regular Session

**State of Washington 66th Legislature 2020 Regular Session**

**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Gildon and Young)

AN ACT Relating to protecting patients from excess charges for prescription medications; and adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Beginning January 1, 2021, the maximum amount a health carrier or pharmacy benefit manager may require a person to pay at the point of sale for a covered prescription medication is the lesser of:

(a) The applicable cost sharing for the prescription medication; or

(b) The amount the person would pay for the prescription medication if the person purchased the prescription medication without using a health plan.

(2) A health carrier or pharmacy benefit manager may not require a pharmacist to dispense a brand name prescription medication when a less expensive therapeutically equivalent generic prescription medication is available.

(3) For purposes of this section, "pharmacy benefit manager" has the same meaning as in RCW 19.340.010.

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