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1 AN ACT Relating to health care services for offenders; amending RCW  
2 72.10.020; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.10.020 and 1989 c 157 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department may develop and implement a health services plan  
7 for the delivery of health care services to ((inmates)) offenders in  
8 the department's ((custody)) correctional facilities, at the discretion  
9 of the secretary, and in conformity with state and federal law.

10 (2) In order to discourage the unwarranted use of health care  
11 services, all offenders shall participate in the costs of health care  
12 services by paying a nominal amount, determined by the secretary.  
13 Pursuant to the authority granted in chapter 34.05 RCW, the secretary  
14 may collect this amount for health care services directly from an  
15 offender's institution account.

16 (3) Offenders are required to make copayments for health care  
17 services that are offender initiated. Offenders are not required to  
18 pay for emergency treatment or for visits initiated by health care

1 staff or treatment of those conditions that constitute a serious health  
2 care need.

3 (4) No offender may be refused any health care service because of  
4 indigence.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department shall adopt rules to  
6 implement this act.

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