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3 By Senators Thibaudeau and Parlette

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1** It is the intent of the legislature to
8 improve care to patients by minimizing confusion, eliminating
9 unnecessary paperwork, decreasing administrative burdens, and
10 streamlining dispensing of prescription products paid for by third-
11 party payors.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) A health carrier that provides coverage for prescription drugs
15 provided on an outpatient basis and issues a card or other technology
16 for claims processing, or an administrator of a health benefit plan
17 including, but not limited to, third-party administrators for self-
18 insured plans, pharmacy benefits managers, and state administered
19 plans, shall issue to its enrollees a pharmacy identification card or
20 other technology containing all information required for proper
21 prescription drug claims adjudication.

22 (2) Upon renewal of the health benefit plan, information on the
23 pharmacy identification card or other technology shall be made current
24 by the health carrier or other entity that issues the card.

25 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any
26 health carrier or administrator of a health benefit plan to issue a
27 pharmacy identification card or other technology separate from another
28 identification card issued to an enrollee under the health benefit plan
29 if the identification card contains all of the information required
30 under subsection (1) of this section.

31 (4) This section applies to health benefit plans that are
32 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after July 1, 2003.
33 For the purposes of this section, renewal of a health benefit policy,
34 contract, or plan occurs on each anniversary of the date on which
35 coverage was first effective on the person or persons covered by the
36 health benefit plan.

1 (5) The insurance commissioner may adopt rules to implement this
2 act, taking into consideration any relevent standards developed by the
3 national council for prescription drug programs and the requirements of
4 the federal health insurance portability and accountability act of
5 1996."

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EFFECT: Eliminates the listing of specific items that must appear
on the pharmacy card. Makes technical changes.