

2 SSB 5566 - S AMD 084

3 By Senators Thibaudeau and Parlette

4 WITHDRAWN 03/13/01

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 health plan administrator to issue a pharmacy  
27 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 implement by rule standards for  
2 uniform pharmacy identification cards or other technology, taking into  
3 consideration standards developed by the national council for  
4 prescription drug programs and the requirements of the federal health  
5 insurance portability and accountability act of 1996."

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