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By Senator Mullet

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1 AN ACT Relating to medication synchronization and dispensing fee  
2 standardization; and adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) An individual or group health insurance policy providing  
7 prescription drug coverage in the state must permit and apply a  
8 prorated daily cost-sharing rate to prescriptions that are dispensed by  
9 a network pharmacy for less than a thirty-day supply if the prescriber  
10 or pharmacist indicates the fill or refill could be in the best  
11 interest of the patient and is for the purpose of synchronizing the  
12 patient's chronic medications.

13 (2) No individual or group health insurance policy providing  
14 prescription drug coverage may deny coverage for the dispensing of any  
15 drug prescribed for the treatment of a chronic illness that is made in  
16 accordance with a plan among the insured, a practitioner, and a  
17 pharmacist to synchronize the refilling of multiple prescriptions for  
18 the insured.

1           (3) No individual or group health insurance policy providing  
2 prescription drug coverage may use payment structures incorporating  
3 prorated dispensing fees determined by calculation of the days' supply  
4 of medication dispensed.       Dispensing fees must be determined  
5 exclusively on the total number of prescriptions dispensed.

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