

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2464

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66th Legislature
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PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION--CHARGES

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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

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President of the Senate

Approved March 25, 2020 3:03 PM

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

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

FILED

March 26, 2020

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2464

AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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

READ FIRST TIME 02/04/20.

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

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
6 RCW to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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