
HOUSE BILL 2583

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1 AN ACT Relating to refilling a prescription; adding a new section
2 to chapter 69.41 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 48.43 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 69.41 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Nothing in this chapter prohibits a pharmacy from providing a
7 person with a refill of a drug prior to any time restriction for the
8 prescription of that drug if:

9 (1) There are authorized refills remaining;

10 (2) The person seeking the refill resides in a county that:

11 (a) Is under a flood warning issued by the national weather
12 service;

13 (b) Is declared to be under a state of emergency as proclaimed by
14 the governor; or

15 (c) Has activated its emergency operations center and its emergency
16 management plan; and

17 (3) The refill is requested within thirty days after the
18 origination date of the conditions described in subsection (2) of this

1 section or until those conditions are terminated by the issuing
2 authority or no longer exist.

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

5 (1) Every health carrier that provides prescription medication
6 coverage as part of a health plan shall waive time restrictions on
7 prescription medication refills to enable an enrollee to refill
8 prescriptions prior to the time restriction, if there are authorized
9 refills remaining, and shall authorize payments to pharmacies for at
10 least a thirty-day supply of any prescription medication, regardless of
11 the date that the prescription had most recently been refilled by a
12 pharmacy if the conditions in section 1 of this act have been met.

13 (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section excuses or exempts an
14 enrollee from compliance with all other terms of the health plan.

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