
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2396

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By House Committee on Corrections (originally sponsored by Representatives Orr, Morris, Sommers, Dellwo, Padden, Conway, Linville, Kremen, Chandler, Foreman, Lisk, Long, Johanson, Silver, Cothorn, Kessler, J. Kohl, Chappell, Romero, Holm, Jones, Sheldon, Eide, Rayburn, L. Johnson, Springer and H. Myers)

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1 AN ACT Relating to medical care for inmates; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 72.10 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 72.10 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Any health care services plan provided to inmates by the department
7 shall require the inmate to be responsible for a nominal payment of
8 five dollars per medical encounter, in addition to any other financial
9 responsibility the inmate may have for medical care. Any subsequent
10 encounters ordered by the attending health care provider directly
11 related to the original diagnosis shall not require that an encounter
12 fee be charged to the offender. Mental health encounters and medical
13 encounters required for the dispensation of prescribed pharmaceuticals
14 or for readily apparent injuries or traumas shall not be subject to the
15 medical encounter fee. The payment shall be deducted from the personal
16 account of the inmate or paid in person. Necessary medical services

1 may not be denied due to lack of funds in the inmate's personal
2 account.

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