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**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 payment of one dollar  
8 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 a one dollar  
12 encounter fee be charged to the offender. Mental health encounters and  
13 medical encounters required for the dispensation of prescribed  
14 pharmaceuticals shall not be subject to the one dollar medical  
15 encounter fee. The payment shall be deducted from the personal account  
16 of the inmate or paid in person. Necessary medical services may not be  
17 denied due to lack of funds in the inmate's personal account.

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