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1 AN ACT Relating to a federal medicaid demonstration waiver for  
2 prescription drug assistance; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of social and health  
5 services shall submit and, upon approval, implement a section 1115  
6 demonstration waiver request to the federal health care financing  
7 administration to establish a prescription drug assistance  
8 program. The program must create an expanded coverage group  
9 composed of any medicare-covered individual with no medicare  
10 supplement policy or retiree health benefit plan that covers  
11 drugs, and other individuals with household incomes up to three  
12 hundred percent of the federal poverty level, as adjusted annually  
13 by the federal department of health and human services, who do not  
14 have insurance coverage or other health benefits for prescription  
15 drugs. Individuals in this expanded coverage group will receive a  
16 financial subsidy for prescription drugs equal to the average  
17 rebate paid to the medicaid program under Title XIX of the federal  
18 social security act by pharmaceutical manufacturers.

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