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By Representatives Ballasiotes, Darneille, Skinner, Cody, Schual-Berke, Campbell and Tokuda

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1 AN ACT Relating to the medication outreach program; and adding a  
2 new section to chapter 74.09 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 74.09 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall establish a medication outreach program.  
7 The medication outreach program shall:

8 (a) Identify and assist eligible persons who are sixty-five years  
9 old and older in enrolling in the state medical assistance program  
10 under this chapter; and

11 (b) Assist residents of the state of Washington in obtaining free  
12 or low-cost prescription medications or nonprescription medications  
13 from private and public sources that offer this assistance. Medication  
14 outreach program assistance should include phone numbers for sources of  
15 assistance, instructional material for completing eligibility forms,  
16 and generally evaluating the possibility of an individual obtaining  
17 assistance.

18 (2) As part of the medication outreach program, the department must  
19 operate and maintain a toll-free telephone number that will act as a

1 clearinghouse for information related to the purposes of the medication  
2 outreach program.

3 (3) When establishing the portion of the medication outreach  
4 program dealing with obtaining free or low-cost medication, the  
5 department must consult with a statewide organization that represents  
6 physicians and a national organization that represents pharmaceutical  
7 manufacturers that offer free or low-cost medication assistance.

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