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By Representatives Benson, Mulliken, Bush, Ahern, Roach, Morell, McIntire, Upthegrove, Cody and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to paying for health care services; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.21  
3 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW; and adding a new  
4 section to chapter 48.46 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 A participating provider, as defined under RCW 48.44.010, may not  
9 request a patient to pay more than the copay or deductible specified by  
10 the health carrier, as defined under RCW 48.43.005, until such time as  
11 the carrier notifies the provider and patient in writing that no  
12 further payment will be made.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 A participating provider, as defined under RCW 48.44.010, may not  
16 request a patient to pay more than the copay or deductible specified by  
17 the health carrier, as defined under RCW 48.43.005, until such time as

1 the carrier notifies the provider and patient in writing that no  
2 further payment will be made.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 A participating provider may not request a patient to pay more than  
6 the copay or deductible specified by the health carrier, until such  
7 time as the carrier notifies the provider and patient in writing that  
8 no further payment will be made.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 48.46 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11 A participating provider may not request a patient to pay more than  
12 the copay or deductible specified by the health carrier, until such  
13 time as the carrier notifies the provider and patient in writing that  
14 no further payment will be made.

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