
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5566

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Thibaudeau, Franklin, Deccio and Kohl-Welles)

READ FIRST TIME 02/28/01.

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring uniform prescription drug information
2 cards; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 improve care to patients by minimizing confusion, eliminating
7 unnecessary paperwork, decreasing administrative burdens, and
8 streamlining dispensing of prescription products paid for by third-
9 party payors.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) A health carrier that provides coverage for prescription drugs
13 provided on an outpatient basis and issues a card or other technology
14 for claims processing, or an administrator of a health benefit plan
15 including, but not limited to, third-party administrators for self-
16 insured plans, pharmacy benefits managers, and state administered
17 plans, shall issue to its enrollees a pharmacy identification card or
18 other technology containing all information required for proper claims

1 adjudication. At a minimum, the card or technology shall contain the
2 following information, if required for proper claims adjudication:

3 (a) The name or logo of the issuer of the card;

4 (b) The processor control number;

5 (c) The bin number;

6 (d) The group number;

7 (e) The person code;

8 (f) The card holder ID name and number; and

9 (g) The pharmacy help desk phone number.

10 (2) Upon renewal of the health benefit plan, information on the
11 pharmacy identification card or other technology shall be made current
12 by the health carrier or other entity that issues the card.

13 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any
14 health carrier to issue a pharmacy identification card or other
15 technology separate from another identification card issued to an
16 enrollee under the health benefit plan if the identification card
17 contains all of the information required under subsection (1) of this
18 section.

19 (4) This section applies to health benefit plans that are
20 delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after July 1, 2003.
21 For the purposes of this section, renewal of a health benefit policy,
22 contract, or plan occurs on each anniversary of the date on which
23 coverage was first effective on the person or persons covered by the
24 health benefit plan.

25 (5) The insurance commissioner may adopt rules to implement this
26 act, taking into consideration any relevant standards developed by the
27 national council for prescription drug programs and the requirements of
28 the federal health insurance portability and accountability act of
29 1996.

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