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SENATE BILL 6320

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1            AN ACT Relating to prescription drugs and capping consumer costs;  
2 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.** Consumers of health care services can be  
6 burdened by increasing health care costs, especially for expensive  
7 specialty drugs and medications to treat serious chronic diseases. It  
8 is the intent of the legislature to minimize consumers' exposure to  
9 high cost sharing for prescription drugs by instituting a cap on  
10 individual prescription costs.

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

13           (1) Each health plan offered that provides coverage for  
14 prescription drugs shall provide a maximum cost sharing for a covered  
15 outpatient prescription drug. The copayment, coinsurance, or other  
16 cost sharing for an individual prescription for a supply up to thirty  
17 days shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

18           (2) For a nongrandfathered individual or small group health plan,  
19 the annual deductible for outpatient drugs, if any, shall not exceed  
20 five hundred dollars.

1           (3) The commissioner shall recommend a schedule and methodology  
2 for addressing inflationary increases that may be necessary.

3           (4) This section applies to health plans delivered, issued for  
4 delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2017.

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