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1 AN ACT Relating to graded dosage packs of schedule II and III
2 controlled substances; adding a new section to chapter 18.64 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 69.50 RCW; and adding a new section
4 to chapter 48.43 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 18.64
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) By July 1, 2019, the commission shall adopt rules regarding:

9 (a) The schedule II and III oral narcotics that manufacturers
10 must offer for sale in graded dosage packs under section 2 of this
11 act;

12 (b) The strength and dosage regimen for each narcotic to be
13 offered for sale in a dosage pack under (a) of this subsection, with
14 appropriate strengths and dosages to last three days, five days, and
15 seven days based upon the most commonly prescribed dosages and
16 relevant prescribing guidelines; and

17 (c) The design of dose packaging that is consumer-friendly and
18 child-resistant.

19 (2) When adopting the rules the commission shall consult with
20 prescribers, manufacturers, and pharmacists and must consider the
21 most commonly prescribed dosages and relevant prescribing guidance.

1 (3) "Graded dosage pack" means a clearly delineated three, five,
2 or seven day pharmaceutical regimen, that may include multiple
3 strengths of the same narcotic packaged in a consumer-friendly,
4 child-resistant form by the manufacturer.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 69.50
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Beginning January 1, 2020, a manufacturer, as defined in RCW
8 69.45.010, shall offer graded dosage packs of schedule II or III oral
9 narcotics for sale in this state if the manufacturer manufactures,
10 sells, distributes, or dispenses a schedule II or III oral narcotic
11 in this state that the pharmacy quality assurance commission has
12 determined should be available in a graded dosage pack under section
13 1 of this act.

14 (2) The narcotics must be packaged in consumer-friendly, child-
15 resistant packaging as required in the rules adopted under section 1
16 of this act.

17 (3) The packs must clearly indicate the regimen the consumer
18 should follow, indicating the day and time all doses should be
19 consumed, as required in the rules adopted under section 1 of this
20 act.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 (1) Beginning January 1, 2020, every health carrier that provides
24 coverage for prescription drugs may only charge one copayment to the
25 enrollee for graded dosage packs as defined in section 1 of this act.

26 (2) For purposes of this section, "health carrier," in addition
27 to the definition in RCW 48.43.005, also includes health care service
28 contractors, limited health care service contractors, and disability
29 insurers, offering dental only coverage.

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