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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Beginning January 1, 2021, the maximum amount a health
6 carrier or pharmacy benefit manager may require a person to pay at
7 the point of sale for a covered prescription medication is the lesser
8 of:

9 (a) The applicable cost sharing for the prescription medication;
10 or

11 (b) The amount the person would pay for the prescription
12 medication if the person purchased the prescription medication
13 without using a health plan.

14 (2) A health carrier or pharmacy benefit manager may not require
15 a pharmacist to dispense a brand name prescription medication when a
16 less expensive therapeutically equivalent generic prescription
17 medication is available.

18 (3) For purposes of this section, "pharmacy benefit manager" has
19 the same meaning as in RCW 19.340.010."

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20 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "medications;" strike the
21 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to
22 chapter 48.43 RCW."

EFFECT: Prohibits a carrier or PBM from requiring a pharmacist to dispense a brand name prescription medication when a less expensive therapeutically equivalent generic drug is available.

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