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HOUSE BILL 2464

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By Representatives Gildon and Young

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to protecting patients from excess charges for
- 2 prescription medications; and adding a new section to chapter 48.43
- 3 RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1) Beginning January 1, 2021, the maximum amount a health 8 carrier or pharmacy benefit manager may require a person to pay at
- 9 the point of sale for a covered prescription medication is the lesser
- 10 of:
- 11 (a) The applicable cost sharing for the prescription medication;
- 12 or
- 13 (b) The amount the person would pay for the prescription
- 14 medication if the person purchased the prescription medication
- 15 without using a health plan or any other source of prescription
- 16 medication benefits or discounts.
- 17 (2) For purposes of this section, "pharmacy benefit manager" has
- 18 the same meaning as in RCW 19.340.010.

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