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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of a pharmacy tourism program;
2 adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; and adding a new section
3 to chapter 48.43 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) By January 1, 2021, the board shall develop a pharmacy
8 tourism program available to individuals enrolled in a health plan
9 offered by the board to allow enrollees to obtain prescription drugs
10 at lower cost outside of the United States.

11 (2) When designing the program, the board shall:

12 (a) Establish a list of prescription drugs eligible for the
13 program, including but not limited to insulin, based on the projected
14 cost savings of obtaining the drugs outside of the United States; and

15 (b) Contract with at least one clinic or pharmacy in a country
16 bordering Washington.

17 (3) The program shall include:

18 (a) Reimbursement for necessary transportation and lodging
19 expenses to program participants; and

20 (b) A participation incentive that may include:

21 (i) Premium discounts;

- 1 (ii) Rebates;
- 2 (iii) Reduction in out-of-pocket costs; or
- 3 (iv) Other rewards developed by the board.
- 4 (4) The authority may adopt any rules necessary to implement this
- 5 section.
- 6 (5) For purposes of this section, "program" means a pharmacy
- 7 tourism program established by the board.

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

- 10 (1) A carrier offering a health plan may develop a pharmacy
- 11 tourism program for enrollees to obtain prescription drugs at lower
- 12 cost outside of the United States.
- 13 (2) A carrier that establishes a program shall:
 - 14 (a) Establish a list of prescription drugs eligible for the
 - 15 program, including but not limited to insulin, based on the projected
 - 16 cost savings of obtaining the drugs outside of the United States; and
 - 17 (b) Contract with at least one clinic or pharmacy in a country
 - 18 bordering Washington.
- 19 (3) The program must provide:
 - 20 (a) Reimbursement for necessary transportation and lodging
 - 21 expenses to the participants; and
 - 22 (b) A participation incentive that may include:
 - 23 (i) Premium discounts;
 - 24 (ii) Rebates;
 - 25 (iii) Reduction in out-of-pocket costs; or
 - 26 (iv) Other rewards developed by the carrier.
- 27 (4) For purposes of this section, "program" means a pharmacy
- 28 tourism program established by a carrier as part of a health plan.

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