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**HOUSE BILL 2464**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Representative Gildon

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 NEW SECTION. **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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