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**SENATE BILL XXX**

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**By** Senators \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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AN ACT relating to coverage specifications for medication-assisted treatment; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

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

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

(1) All carriers that offer health benefit plans that provide prescription drug benefits for the treatment of substance use disorders shall not impose any prior authorization requirements on any prescription medication approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of substance use disorders.

(2) All carriers that offer health benefit plans that provide prescription drug benefits for the treatment of substance use disorders shall not impose any step therapy requirements before the carrier will authorize coverage for a prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance use disorders.

(3) All carriers that offer health benefit plans that provide prescription drug benefits for the treatment of substance use disorders shall place all prescription medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance use disorders on the lowest tier of the drug formulary developed and maintained by the carrier.

(4) All carriers that offer health benefit plans that provide prescription drug benefits for the treatment of substance use disorders shall not exclude coverage for any prescription medication approved by the FDA for the treatment of substance use disorders and any associated counseling or wraparound services on the grounds that such medications and services were court ordered.

(5) “Substance use disorder” means any condition or disorder that involves a substance use disorder that falls under any of the diagnostic categories listed in the mental disorders section of the current edition of the International Classification of Disease or that is listed in the mental disorders section of the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

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