WAC 296-20-170  Pharmacy—Acceptance of rules and fees.  (1) Ac-
ceptance and filling of a prescription for a worker entitled to bene-
fits under the industrial insurance law, constitutes acceptance of the 
department's rules and fees.
(2) When there is questionable eligibility, (i.e., no claim num-
ber, prescription is for medication other than usually prescribed for 
industrial injury; or pharmacist has reason to believe claim is closed 
or rejected), the pharmacist may require the worker to pay for the 
prescription.
(a) The pharmacist must furnish the worker with a signed receipt 
and a nonnegotiable copy of the prescription including national drug 
code and quantity or a completed department pharmacy bill form signed 
in the appropriate areas verifying worker has paid for the prescribed 
item(s) in order for the worker to bill the department or self-insurer 
for reimbursement.
(b) The worker may not be charged more than the amount allowable 
by the department or self-insurer.
(c) The worker must submit such reimbursement request within one 
year of the date of service.
See WAC 296-20-020 for details on providing a refund.
(3) Pharmacies may bill the department for initial prescription 
drugs prior to claim acceptance upon the presentation to the pharmacy 
of a state fund identification card or a copy of the Report of Indus-
trial Injury or Occupational Disease.

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