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H.B. No. 3230

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information on preferred provider plans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6, Article 3.70-3C, Insurance Code, subsection (b) is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. MANDATORY DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

(b) The insurer shall provide to a current or prospective group contract holder or current or prospective insured on request an accurate written or electronic description of the terms and conditions of the policy to allow the current or prospective group contract holder or current or prospective insured to make comparisons and informed decisions before selecting among health care plans. The written or electronic description must be in a readable and understandable format as prescribed by the commissioner and must include a current list of preferred providers. The insurer may provide its handbook to satisfy this requirement provided the handbook's content is substantively similar to and achieves the same level of disclosure as the written or electronic description prescribed by the commissioner and the current list of physicians and health care providers is provided.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.