

Amend CSHB 2256 (Senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subtitle G, Title 8, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Chapter 1515 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1515. INFORMATION CONCERNING RESCINDED HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS

Sec. 1515.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "coverage document" means a policy or certificate evidencing the coverage of an individual or group under a health benefit plan described by Section 1515.002.

Sec. 1515.002. APPLICABILITY. (a) This chapter applies only to a health benefit plan, including a small or large employer health benefit plan written under Chapter 1501, that provides benefits for medical or surgical expenses incurred as a result of a health condition, accident, or sickness, including an individual, group, blanket, or franchise insurance policy or insurance agreement, a group hospital service contract, or an individual or group evidence of coverage or similar coverage document that is offered by:

- (1) an insurance company;
- (2) a group hospital service corporation operating under Chapter 842;
- (3) a fraternal benefit society operating under Chapter 885;
- (4) a stipulated premium company operating under Chapter 884;
- (5) a reciprocal exchange operating under Chapter 942;
- (6) a Lloyd's plan operating under Chapter 941;
- (7) a health maintenance organization operating under Chapter 843;
- (8) a multiple employer welfare arrangement that holds a certificate of authority under Chapter 846; or
- (9) an approved nonprofit health corporation that holds a certificate of authority under Chapter 844.

(b) This chapter does not apply to:

- (1) a health benefit plan that provides coverage only:

(A) for a specified disease or diseases or under an individual limited benefit policy;

(B) for accidental death or dismemberment;

(C) as a supplement to a liability insurance policy; or

(D) for dental or vision care;

(2) disability income insurance coverage or a combination of accident only and disability income insurance coverage;

(3) credit insurance coverage;

(4) a hospital confinement indemnity policy;

(5) a Medicare supplemental policy as defined by Section 1882(g)(1), Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1395ss), as amended;

(6) a workers' compensation insurance policy;

(7) medical payment insurance coverage provided under a motor vehicle insurance policy; or

(8) a long-term care insurance policy, including a nursing home fixed indemnity policy, unless the commissioner determines that the policy provides benefits so comprehensive that the policy is a health benefit plan described by Subsection (a) and is not exempted from the application of this chapter.

Sec. 1515.003. REPORT. (a) Each health benefit plan issuer authorized to issue coverage documents in this state shall submit a report to the department containing the rescission rates of coverage documents issued by the issuer.

(b) In addition to the rescission rates described by Subsection (a), the report must contain:

(1) the number of individuals whose coverage document was rescinded by the health benefit plan issuer during the reporting period for each type of health benefit plan to which this chapter applies;

(2) the total number of enrollees that were covered by rescinded coverage documents before those documents were rescinded; and

(3) the reasons for rescission of rescinded coverage documents for each type of health benefit plan to which this chapter

applies.

(c) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section, including rules concerning any applicable reporting period and the form of the report required under Subsection (a).

Sec. 1515.004. INTERNET POSTING; CONSUMER HOTLINE.

(a) The department shall post on the department's Internet website:

(1) the information contained in the reports received under Section 1515.003 that is not confidential or proprietary; and

(2) a form through which consumers may report rescission of a health benefit plan and complaints or suspected violations of the law governing the rescission of health benefit plans.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a), aggregated information regarding a health benefit plan issuer's rescission rates is not confidential or proprietary.

(c) The department shall operate a toll-free telephone hotline to:

(1) respond to consumer inquiries concerning the rescission of health benefit plans; and

(2) provide information to consumers concerning the rescission of health benefit plans and technical assistance with the completion of the form described by Subsection (a)(2).

SECTION _____. The commissioner of insurance shall adopt rules under Subsection (c), Section 1515.003, Insurance Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2010. The rules must require health benefit plan issuers to submit the first report under Section 1515.003, Insurance Code, as added by this Act, not later than April 1, 2010.