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H.B. No. 1138

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to information required on pharmacy benefit  
3 identification cards.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1369.153, Insurance Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 1369.153. INFORMATION REQUIRED ON IDENTIFICATION  
8 CARD. (a) An issuer of a health benefit plan that provides  
9 pharmacy benefits to enrollees shall include on the front of the  
10 identification card of each enrollee:

11 (1) the name or logo of the entity administering the  
12 pharmacy benefits if the entity is different from the health  
13 benefit plan issuer;

14 (2) the group number applicable to the enrollee;

15 (3) the identification number of the enrollee, which  
16 may not be the enrollee's social security number;

17 (4) the bank identification number necessary for  
18 electronic billing;

19 (5) [~~(3)~~] the effective date and expected expiration  
20 date of the coverage evidenced by the card;

21 (6) [~~(4)~~] a telephone number for contacting an  
22 appropriate person to obtain information relating to the pharmacy  
23 benefits provided under the plan; and

24 (7) [~~(5)~~] copayment and deductible information for

1 generic and brand-name prescription drugs.

2 (b) In addition to complying with Subsection (a), an issuer  
3 of a health benefit plan may provide the information required under  
4 Subsection (a) in electronically readable form on the back of the  
5 identification card.

6 (c) This section does not require a health benefit plan  
7 issuer that administers its own pharmacy benefits to issue an  
8 identification card separate from any identification card issued to  
9 an enrollee to evidence coverage under the plan if the  
10 identification card issued to evidence coverage contains the  
11 information required by Subsection (a).

12 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an insurance policy or  
13 contract or evidence of coverage that is delivered, issued for  
14 delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2010. An insurance  
15 policy or contract or evidence of coverage delivered, issued for  
16 delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2010, is governed by the law  
17 as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and  
18 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.