

Amend **HB 1951** by adding the following appropriately numbered section:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 524, Insurance Code, is amended by adding the following section:

Sec. 524.004. INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENTS. The division may enter into information-sharing agreements with federal and state agencies to carry out the division's responsibilities under this chapter. An agreement entered into under this section must include adequate protection with respect to the confidentiality of any information shared and comply with all applicable state and federal law.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 524.015, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 524.051. INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIFIC HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN ISSUERS. (a) In materials produced for the program, the division may include information about specific health benefit plan issuers but may not favor or endorse one particular issuer over another.

(b) The division may:

(1) establish a procedure by which issuers of health benefit plans may submit health plans for certification by the division as qualified health plans;

(2) establish a multi-tiered rating system and assign ratings for certified health plans based upon the actuarial level of coverage offered through the plan; and

(3) provide information regarding the availability of and the cost of coverage after the application of any applicable credits.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 524.053, Insurance Code, is amended by adding the following subsection (d):

Sec. 524.053. (d) The division may provide on an Internet website comparative information on health plans offered for sale in the state that are certified by the division using a standardized format for presenting health benefit plan options.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 524, Insurance Code, is amended by adding the following appropriately numbered section:

Sec. 524.0545a. INFORMATION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. (a) The division may make available information

regarding eligibility requirements for enrollment in medical assistance programs offered by the state.

(b) The division, in coordination with the Health and Human Services Commission, may assist in the facilitation of enrollment of individuals identified as eligible for programs described under subsection (a).