

1 AN ACT

2 relating to health insurance identification cards issued by  
3 qualified health plan issuers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Title 8, Insurance Code, is amended by adding  
6 Subtitle L to read as follows:

7 SUBTITLE L. QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN MANDATORY DISCLOSURES

8 CHAPTER 1693. QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN IDENTIFICATION CARDS

9 Sec. 1693.001. DEFINITIONS. Except as provided by Section  
10 1693.003, in this chapter, "enrollee," "exchange," "qualified  
11 health plan," and "qualified health plan issuer" have the meanings  
12 assigned by 45 C.F.R. Section 155.20 as that section existed on  
13 January 1, 2015.

14 Sec. 1693.002. REQUIRED INFORMATION. An identification  
15 card or other similar document issued by a qualified health plan  
16 issuer to an enrollee of a qualified health plan purchased through  
17 an exchange must, in addition to any requirement under other law,  
18 including Sections 843.209, 1301.162, and 1369.153, display on the  
19 card or document in a location of the issuer's choice the acronym  
20 "QHP."

21 Sec. 1693.003. COMMISSIONER DETERMINATIONS REGARDING  
22 FEDERAL REGULATIONS. (a) The commissioner shall monitor 45 C.F.R.  
23 Section 155.20 for amendments to the definitions listed in Section  
24 1693.001 and determine if it is in the best interest of the state to

1 adopt an amended definition for purposes of this chapter. If the  
2 commissioner determines that it is in the best interest of the state  
3 to adopt the amended definition, the commissioner by rule shall  
4 adopt the amended definition.

5 (b) In making the determination about an amendment, the  
6 commissioner shall consider, in addition to other factors  
7 affecting the public interest, the beneficial and adverse effects  
8 the amendment may have on:

9 (1) individuals who are receiving medical care and  
10 health care services in this state; and

11 (2) health care providers and physicians.

12 Sec. 1693.004. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. The commissioner  
13 shall prepare a report of a determination made under Section  
14 1693.003, including an explanation of the reasons for the  
15 determination, and file the report with the presiding officer of  
16 each house of the legislature not later than the 30th day after the  
17 date the determination is made.

18 Sec. 1693.005. RULES. The commissioner may adopt rules as  
19 necessary to administer and enforce this chapter.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1514 was passed by the House on May 11, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 8, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1514 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor