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S.B. No. 644

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

SUBTITLE L. QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN MANDATORY DISCLOSURES

CHAPTER 1693. QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Sec. 1693.001. DEFINITIONS. Except as provided by Section 1693.003, in this chapter, "advance payments of the premium tax credit," "enrollee," "qualified health plan," and "qualified health plan issuer" have the meanings assigned by 45 C.F.R. Section 155.20 as that section existed on January 1, 2015.

Sec. 1693.002. REQUIRED INFORMATION. An identification card or other similar document issued by a qualified health plan issuer to an enrollee of a qualified health plan in this state must, in addition to any requirement under other law, including Sections 843.209, 1301.162, and 1369.153, display on the card or document in a location of the issuer's choice:

(1) the acronym "QHP"; or

(2) if the enrollee receives advance payment of the premium tax credit, the acronym "QHP-S".

Sec. 1693.003. COMMISSIONER DETERMINATIONS REGARDING FEDERAL REGULATIONS. (a) The commissioner shall monitor 45 C.F.R.

1 Section 155.20 for amendments to the definitions listed in Section
2 1693.001 and determine if it is in the best interest of the state to
3 adopt an amended definition for purposes of this chapter. If the
4 commissioner determines that it is in the best interest of the state
5 to adopt the amended definition, the commissioner by rule shall
6 adopt the amended definition.

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

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

13 (2) health care providers and physicians.

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

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

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