## **SENATE AMENDMENTS**

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H.B. No. 1624

#### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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3	health benefit plan coverage.
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19	information.
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- 6 specifically be included in or excluded from the deductible,
- 7 including a description of out-of-pocket costs for a prescription
- 8 drug that may not apply to the deductible;
- 9 (5) identification of preferred formulary drugs; and
- 10 (6) an explanation of coverage of each formulary drug.
- 11 (e) The commissioner by rule may allow disclosures other
- 12 than the disclosures required under Subsection (d)(1) relating to
- 13 cost-sharing through a web-based tool that must:
- 14 (1) be publicly accessible to enrollees, prospective
- 15 enrollees, and others without necessity of providing a password, a
- 16 <u>user name</u>, or personally identifiable information;
- 17 (2) allow consumers to electronically search
- 18 formulary information by the name under which the health benefit
- 19 plan is marketed; and
- 20 (3) be accessible through a direct link that is
- 21 displayed on each page of the formulary disclosure that lists each
- 22 drug as required under Subsection (c).
- Sec. 1369.0544. FORMULARY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TOLL-FREE
- 24 TELEPHONE NUMBER. In addition to providing the information
- described by Section 1369.0543(d)(1), a health benefit plan issuer
- 26 may make the information available to enrollees, prospective
- 27 enrollees, and others through a toll-free telephone number that

- 1 operates at least during normal business hours.
- 2 SECTION 2. Chapter 1451, Insurance Code, is amended by
- 3 adding Subchapter K to read as follows:
- 4 <u>SUBCHAPTER K. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER DIRECTORIES</u>
- 5 Sec. 1451.501. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
- 6 (1) "Health care provider" means a practitioner,
- 7 <u>institutional provider</u>, or other person or organization that
- 8 furnishes health care services and that is licensed or otherwise
- 9 authorized to practice in this state. The term includes a
- 10 pharmacist, pharmacy, hospital, nursing home, or other medical or
- 11 health-related service facility that provides care for the sick or
- 12 injured or other care. The term does not include a physician.
- 13 (2) "Physician" means an individual licensed to
- 14 practice medicine in this state.
- 15 Sec. 1451.502. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This
- 16 subchapter applies only to a health benefit plan that provides
- 17 benefits for medical or surgical expenses incurred as a result of a
- 18 health condition, accident, or sickness, including an individual,
- 19 group, blanket, or franchise insurance policy or insurance
- 20 agreement, a group hospital service contract, or a small or large
- 21 employer group contract or similar coverage document that is
- 22 <u>offered by:</u>
- 23 <u>(1) an insurance company;</u>
- 24 (2) a group hospital service corporation operating
- 25 <u>under Chapter</u> 842;
- 26 (3) a fraternal benefit society operating under
- 27 Chapter 885;

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7	a certificate of authority under Chapter 846; or
8	(8) an approved nonprofit health corporation that
9	holds a certificate of authority under Chapter 844.
10	Sec. 1451.503. EXCEPTION. This subchapter does not apply
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- 3 a motor vehicle insurance policy;
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- 5 nursing home fixed indemnity policy, unless the commissioner
- 6 determines that the policy provides benefit coverage so
- 7 comprehensive that the policy is a health benefit plan as described
- 8 by Section 1451.502;
- 9 (6) the child health plan program under Chapter 62,
- 10 Health and Safety Code, or the health benefits plan for children
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- 12 (7) a Medicaid managed care program operated under
- 13 Chapter 533, Government Code, or a Medicaid program operated under
- 14 Chapter 32, Human Resources Code.
- 15 Sec. 1451.504. PHYSICIAN AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
- 16 DIRECTORIES. (a) A health benefit plan issuer that offers coverage
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- 18 providers, or a network of physicians or health care providers
- 19 shall develop and maintain a physician and health care provider
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- 21 (b) The directory must include the name, street address, and
- 22 telephone number of each physician and health care provider
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- 5 website.
- 6 (b) The health benefit plan issuer shall clearly indicate in
- 7 the directory each health benefit plan issued by the issuer that may
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- 15 <u>information</u>.
- 16 (d) The health benefit plan issuer shall conduct an ongoing
- 17 review of the directory and correct or update the information as
- 18 necessary. Except as provided by Subsection (e), corrections and
- 19 updates, if any, must be made not less than once each month.
- 20 (e) The health benefit plan issuer shall conspicuously
- 21 display in the directory required by Section 1451.504 an e-mail
- 22 <u>address and a toll-free telephone number to which any individual</u>
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- 27 the seventh day after the date the report is received.

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- 1 SECTION 3. The commissioner of insurance shall adopt rules
- 2 as required by Section 1369.0543, Insurance Code, as added by this
- 3 Act, not later than January 1, 2016.
- 4 SECTION 4. This Act applies only to a health benefit plan
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- 8 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
- 9 continued in effect for that purpose.
- 10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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#### FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 28, 2015

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1624 by Smithee (Relating to transparency of certain information related to certain

health benefit plan coverage.), As Passed 2nd House

#### No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Insurance Code relating to transparency of certain information related to certain health benefit plan coverage.

Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Insurance, Employees Retirement System, Teacher Retirement System, Texas A&M University System Administration, and University of Texas System Administration, it is assumed that all duties and responsibilities necessary to implement the provisions of the bill could be accomplished within existing staff and resources.

#### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 327 Employees Retirement System, 454 Department of Insurance, 710

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LBB Staff: UP, SD, ER, CL, AG, ED

#### FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

#### May 22, 2015

TO: Honorable Kevin Eltife, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1624 by Smithee (Relating to transparency of certain information related to certain health benefit plan coverage.), Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

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#### April 24, 2015

TO: Honorable John Frullo, Chair, House Committee on Insurance

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