

Amend CSHB 3752 (house committee printing) on page 2, immediately following line 27, by inserting the following appropriately numbered section and renumbering subsequent sections and cross-references to those sections accordingly:

Sec. \_\_\_\_. CONSIDERATIONS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR DEVELOPING HEALTH BENEFITS OFFERINGS. In developing health benefits or health benefit plan options to be offered through a subsidiary of the company, the company shall fully explore all health coverage options that may be offered under this subchapter and place emphasis on:

(1) increasing competition in the health insurance market;

(2) utilizing innovations that improve the quality of health care while lowering health care costs;

(3) ensuring coverage and access to care for individuals in this state with preexisting conditions;

(4) leveraging federal tax credits that may be available for private health benefit coverage to the greatest extent possible to increase the affordability of health benefit coverage;

(5) ensuring transparency and coherence of costs and coverage to inform individuals shopping for health benefits; and

(6) reducing incidences of medical debt faced by individuals in this state and uncompensated care faced by providers in this state.