

Amend CSHB 3752 as follows:

(1) On page 1, between lines 18 and 19, add the following:  
(1) and renumber the following sections accordingly.

(2) On page 2, between lines 9 and 10, add the following:

(2) "Dependent" has the meaning assigned by Section 1501.002.

(3) "Health status related factor" has the meaning assigned by Section 1501.002.

(4) "Preexisting condition" means a condition present before the effective date of an individual's coverage under a health benefit coverage plan.

(3) On page 3, before line 1 (between page 2, line 27, and page 3, line 1), add the following and renumber the following sections accordingly:

Sec. 2054.603. PREEXISTING CONDITION AND HEALTH STATUS RESTRICTIONS PROHIBITED. Notwithstanding Section 2054.602, alternative health benefits authorized by this subchapter may not:

(1) deny coverage to or refuse to enroll a group, an individual, or an individual's dependent in a health benefits coverage plan on the basis of a preexisting condition or health status related factor;

(2) rescind, cancel, or decline to renew or continue coverage of a group, an individual, or an individual's dependent in a health benefits coverage plan on the basis of a preexisting condition or health status related factor;

(3) limit or exclude, or require a waiting period for, coverage under the health benefits coverage plan for treatment of a preexisting condition otherwise covered under the plan; or

(4) charge a group, individual, or dependent on the basis of a preexisting condition or health status related factor, including charging more for coverage than the health benefits coverage plan issuer charges a group, individual, or dependent who does not have a preexisting condition or health status related factor.