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S.B. No. 1051

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a uniform coordination of benefits questionnaire for health benefit plans.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1203, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. COORDINATION OF BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRE

Sec. 1203.101. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. (a) This subchapter applies only to a health benefit plan that provides benefits for medical or surgical expenses incurred as a result of a health condition, accident, or sickness, including an individual, group, blanket, or franchise insurance policy or insurance agreement, a group hospital service contract, or an individual or group evidence of coverage or similar coverage document that is issued by:

(1) an insurance company;

(2) a group hospital service corporation operating under Chapter 842;

(3) a health maintenance organization operating under Chapter 843;

(4) an approved nonprofit health corporation that holds a certificate of authority under Chapter 844;

(5) a multiple employer welfare arrangement that holds a certificate of authority under Chapter 846;

1 (6) a stipulated premium company operating under
2 Chapter 884;

3 (7) a Lloyd's plan operating under Chapter 941; or

4 (8) an exchange operating under Chapter 942.

5 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, this subchapter applies
6 to:

7 (1) a small employer health benefit plan subject to
8 Chapter 1501, including coverage provided through a health group
9 cooperative under Subchapter B of that chapter;

10 (2) a standard health benefit plan issued under
11 Chapter 1507;

12 (3) a basic coverage plan under Chapter 1551;

13 (4) a basic plan under Chapter 1575;

14 (5) a primary care coverage plan under Chapter 1579;

15 (6) a plan providing basic coverage under Chapter
16 1601;

17 (7) nonprofit agricultural organization health
18 benefits offered by a nonprofit agricultural organization under
19 Chapter 1682;

20 (8) alternative health benefit coverage offered by a
21 subsidiary of the Texas Mutual Insurance Company under Subchapter
22 M, Chapter 2054;

23 (9) group health coverage made available by a school
24 district in accordance with Section 22.004, Education Code;

25 (10) the state Medicaid program, including the
26 Medicaid managed care program operated under Chapter 533,
27 Government Code;

1 (11) the child health plan program under Chapter 62,
2 Health and Safety Code;

3 (12) a regional or local health care program operated
4 under Section 75.104, Health and Safety Code; and

5 (13) a self-funded health benefit plan sponsored by a
6 professional employer organization under Chapter 91, Labor Code.

7 Sec. 1203.102. CREATION OF UNIFORM COORDINATION OF BENEFITS
8 QUESTIONNAIRE. In collaboration with appropriate stakeholders,
9 the commissioner shall adopt rules establishing a uniform
10 coordination of benefits questionnaire to be used by all health
11 benefit plan issuers in this state.

12 Sec. 1203.103. UNIFORM COORDINATION OF BENEFITS
13 QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRED. Each health benefit plan issuer that
14 issues a health benefit plan that includes a coordination of
15 benefits provision shall use the uniform coordination of benefits
16 questionnaire established under Section 1203.102 and make the
17 questionnaire available to health care providers as appropriate.

18 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 1, 2024, the
19 commissioner of insurance shall adopt rules establishing the
20 uniform coordination of benefits questionnaire under Section
21 1203.102, Insurance Code, as added by this Act.

22 (b) The changes in law made by this Act apply only to the use
23 of a coordination of benefits questionnaire on or after February 1,
24 2024.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.