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2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 408

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BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to group health insurance renewals

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 22:978(D), relative to renewals of group health insurance
3	policies; to provide for group policy renewal; to require notice of premium rates or
4	renewal costs; to require the insurer to provide data on utilization, paid claims, and
5	premiums; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 22:978(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§978. Group, family group, blanket, and association health and accident insurance;
9	notice required for certain premium increase, cancellation, or nonrenewal
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11	D.(1) At least ninety days prior to the date on which a group policy is to be
12	renewed or terminated, every health insurance issuer providing coverage to an a
13	large employer group, as defined in R.S. 22:1061, comprising more than one hundred
14	enrolled employees shall provide the employer group with, or make available
15	electronically, information as to the premium rate or amount to be paid to renew the
16	group policy for the next policy year. The health insurance issuer shall make the
17	information available to the employer group or to the employer group's appointed
18	insurance agent or broker.
19	(2) No later than eighty days prior to the date of renewal or termination, the
20	employer group may make written request, by certified mail, to the group insurance

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issuer for The group insurance issuer shall make available on a monthly basis the currently available utilization data and aggregate paid claims and premium data accumulated for the period of the current policy year. This data shall be made available to both the employer group and the employer group's appointed insurance agent or broker. The Upon request by the employer group or its agent or broker, the health insurance issuer shall provide this data to the employer group or the agent or broker within fourteen business days of receipt of the initial request and monthly thereafter.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires every health insurance issuer to provide group policy cost data to all large employer groups who have employees enrolled for coverage.

<u>Present law</u> requires insurers to provide notice of policy renewals to employer groups who are comprised of 100 or more enrolled employees.

<u>Proposed law</u> expands <u>present law</u> to require insurers to provide notice of policy renewals to all large employer groups, as defined by <u>present law</u>, who have employees enrolled for insurance coverage or to the employer group's appointed insurance agent or broker.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes an employer group, no later than 80 days prior to the date of renewal or termination, to make written request, by certified mail, to the group insurance issuer for the currently available utilization data and aggregate paid claims and premium data accumulated for the period of the current policy year and requires the health insurance issuer to provide this data, to the employer group or the employer group's appointed insurance agent or broker within 14 business days of receipt of the request.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the group insurance issuer to provide, upon request by the employer group or the employer group's appointed insurance agent or broker, the currently available utilization data and aggregate paid claims and premium data accumulated for the period of the current policy year to the employer group or the agent or broker within 14 business days of receipt of the initial request and monthly thereafter.

(Amends R.S. 22:978(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Insurance</u> to the original bill:

1. Limit the applicability to large group policies.

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2. Require the insurer to provide data on utilization, paid claims, and premiums on a monthly basis.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Authorize the health insurance insurer to make renewal information available electronically.
- 2. Require the health insurance issuer to make the renewal information available to the employer group or to the employer group's appointed insurance agent or broker.
- 3. Provide that the claims data information will be made available upon request of the employer group or its agent or broker.