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SENATE BILL NO. 90

## BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS

HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE. Provides relative to network adequacy for health insurer benefit plans. (1/1/23)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 22:1019.2(F) relative to network adequacy for health benefit plans; to provide
3	for regulations to set standards by which to measure network adequacy; and to
4	provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 22:1019.2(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§1019.2. Network adequacy
8	* * *
9	F. Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to prohibit the
10	commissioner from establishing, by regulation, a set of standards by which to
11	measure network adequacy, from specifying periodic reporting to demonstrate
12	compliance with those standards, and to engage in a targeted review of the
13	adequacy of any insurer's network to meet the needs of the insurer's covered
14	persons. The alternative to annual reporting established in R.S.
15	22:1019.2(B)(5)(b) shall not apply to reporting or review described in this
16	Section.
17	Section 2. This Act shall become effective January 1, 2023.

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<u>Present law</u> requires a health insurance issuer providing a health insurance plan, not including excepted benefits policies, to maintain a network that is sufficient in numbers and types of health care providers to ensure that all health care services to covered persons is accessible without unreasonable delay. Places various requirements upon issuers, including the requirements to ensure reasonable proximity of participating providers to furnish all contracted health care services, and to maintain a directory of its network of providers.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that nothing in <u>present law</u> shall be interpreted to prohibit establishing, by regulation, a set of standards to measure network adequacy, from specifying periodic reporting that demonstrates compliance with the standards and engaging in a targeted review of the adequacy of an insurer's network to meet the needs of its covered persons. The alternative to annual reporting in law is not applicable to the reporting or review in proposed law.

Effective January 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 22:1019.2(F))