

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 645

BY SENATOR WARD

HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE. Relative to certain health maintenance organization disclosures. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:260(C), relative to health maintenance organizations; to
3 provide with respect to certain disclosures; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 22:260(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §260. Statutory construction; relationship to other laws

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8 C. Every health maintenance organization shall make available in writing to
9 its potential enrollees a reasonable explanation of the services to be provided or
10 arranged for **as well as a listing, either in writing or by reference to a website, of**
11 **all health care providers with whom the health maintenance organization has**
12 **a contract at the time. The health maintenance organization shall update the**
13 **information in the listing and on its website at least once per month and any**
14 **information so updated shall be considered as timely under this Section.** This
15 explanation shall also identify those services excluded from coverage and shall set
16 forth the methods of access to all forms of treatment or class of providers included
17 in the plan.

The original instrument was prepared by Cheryl Horne. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by J. W. Wiley.

DIGEST

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Present law requires every health maintenance organization to make available in writing to its potential enrollees a reasonable explanation of the services to be provided or arranged for. Also requires identification of those services excluded from coverage as well as the methods of access to all forms of treatment or class of providers included in the plan.

Proposed law retains present law and also requires disclosure of a listing, either in writing or by reference to a website, of all health care providers with whom the health maintenance organization has a contract at the time of potential enrollment.

Proposed law requires a health maintenance organization to update the information in the listing or on its website only once per month to be considered timely.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 22:260(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the original bill

1. Changes "service providers" to "health care providers".
2. Requires a health maintenance organization to update the information in the listing or on its website only once per month to be considered as timely.

Senate Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.