
DIGEST

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HB No. 852

Abstract: Requires the release of claims data to the agent of a group policyholder, in addition to the policyholder, within 90 days of renewal of the policy after the agent certifies he will limit the use and disclosure of the claims data as provided by federal regulation.

Present law provides for the release of claims data by a health and accident insurer within 90 days of renewal of the group policy to the group policyholder upon certification that the policyholder will only use and disclose the data in compliance with federal regulation.

Proposed law retains present law but also provides for the release of the claims data to the agent of the policyholder, and limits the claims data that must be released to the current and two immediately preceding policy periods.

Proposed law provides that insurer shall not be required to release information protected as confidential by federal law.

Proposed law requires that the data provide a unique identifying number or code for the claimant.

(Amends R.S. 22:978(E)(1)(intro.para.), (a), (b), (d), and (e), (7), and (8); Adds R.S. 22:978(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill.

1. Provided that an insurer shall not be required to release information protected as confidential by federal law.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added provisions that the data provided must cover the current and two immediately preceding policy periods regarding the monthly enrollment by the employee, his spouse, and family, and that the data provided include a unique identifying number or code for the claimant.
2. Made technical changes.