

Existing 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.

New law 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.

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

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

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