

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 816

BY REPRESENTATIVE TALBOT

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provide relative to certificates of creditable coverage

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1062(D)(1)(introductory paragraph), relative to certificates  
3 of coverage provided by group health plans and certain health insurance issuers; to  
4 provide that such certificates shall be sent within twenty days of a request; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 22:1062(D)(1)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and  
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1062. Increased portability through limitation on preexisting condition exclusions

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11 D.(1) A group health plan, and a health insurance issuer offering group  
12 health insurance coverage, shall ~~provide~~ send the certification of the period of  
13 creditable coverage no more than twenty days after such certification is requested by  
14 an individual who ceases to be covered under the issuer's policy or plan:

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16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
20 effective on the day following such approval.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides that certificates of coverage provided by group health plans and certain health insurance issuers shall be sent within 20 days of request.

Present law requires a group health plan, and a health insurance issuer offering group health coverage, to provide certification of the period of creditable coverage when an individual ceases to be covered under the plan.

Proposed law instead requires that such certification of creditable coverage be sent no more than 20 days after it is requested by an individual who ceases to be covered under the issuer's policy or plan.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 22:1062(D)(1)(intro. para.))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Delete requirement that certificates of coverage be provided when requested. Instead require that such certificates be sent within 20 days of request.