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HOUSE BILL NO. 408

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to group health insurance renewals

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 22:978(D), relative to renewals of group health insurance
3	policies; to provide for group policy renewal; to require notice of premium rates or
4	renewal costs; to require the insurer to provide data on utilization, paid claims, and
5	premiums; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 22:978(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§978. Group, family group, blanket, and association health and accident insurance;
9	notice required for certain premium increase, cancellation, or nonrenewal
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11	D.(1) At least ninety days prior to the date on which a group policy is to be
12	renewed or terminated, every health insurance issuer providing coverage to an a
13	large employer group, as defined in R.S. 22:1061, comprising more than one hundred
14	enrolled employees shall provide the employer group with information as to the
15	premium rate or amount to be paid to renew the group policy for the next policy
16	year.
17	(2) No later than eighty days prior to the date of renewal or termination, the
18	employer group may make written request, by certified mail, to the group insurance
19	issuer for The group insurance issuer shall make available on a monthly basis the
20	currently available utilization data and aggregate paid claims and premium data

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accumulated for the period of the current policy year. This data shall be made

available to both the employer group and the employer group's appointed insurance

agent or broker. The health insurance issuer shall provide this data to the employer

group or the agent or broker within fourteen business days of receipt of the initial

request and monthly thereafter.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires every health insurance issuer to provide group policy cost data to all large employer groups who have employees enrolled for coverage.

<u>Present law</u> requires insurers to provide notice of policy renewals to employer groups who are comprised of 100 or more enrolled employees.

<u>Proposed law</u> expands <u>present law</u> to require insurers to provide notice of policy renewals to all large employer groups, as defined by <u>present law</u>, who have employees enrolled for insurance coverage.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes an employer group, no later than 80 days prior to the date of renewal or termination, to make written request, by certified mail, to the group insurance issuer for the currently available utilization data and aggregate paid claims and premium data accumulated for the period of the current policy year and requires the health insurance issuer to provide this data to the employer group within 14 business days of receipt of the request.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the group insurance issuer to provide the currently available utilization data and aggregate paid claims and premium data accumulated for the period of the current policy year to both the employer group and the employer group's appointed insurance agent or broker within 14 business days of receipt of the initial request and monthly thereafter.

(Amends R.S. 22:978(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Insurance</u> to the original bill:

- 1. Limit the applicability to large group policies.
- 2. Require the insurer to provide data on utilization, paid claims, and premiums on a monthly basis.