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HOUSE BILL NO. 997

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

INSURANCE/GROUP-STATE: Provides with respect to self-insured group health plans offered by the Office of Group Benefits

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 42:802.2, relative to the Office of Group Benefits; to provide for the powers,
3 duties, and functions of the office with respect to self-insured group health plans;
4 to require the prior approval of certain schedule of benefits; to require certain
5 information to be published; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:802.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §802.2. Self-insured group health plans; reporting of plans, rates, and benefits

9 A. The Office of Group Benefits shall make available a summary of benefits
10 and coverage for each self-insured group health plan offered by the Office of Group
11 Benefits in accordance with applicable federal law. The Office of Group Benefits
12 shall provide the summary to any plan member who requests a copy.

13 B. Any new schedule of benefits for a self-insured group health plan offered
14 through the Office of Group Benefits and promulgated in the Office of Group
15 Benefits regulations shall be subject to review and prior approval by the appropriate
16 standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction of review of agency rules
17 by the Office of Group Benefits as designated by R.S. 49:968(B)(21)(c) or the
18 subcommittee on oversight of the standing committee.

19 C. The Office of Group Benefits shall publish on its website the following:

20 (1) The summary of benefits and coverage for each self-insured group health
21 plan as required by Subsection A of this Section.

1 (2) The plan documents for each self-insured group health plan offered by
2 the Office of Group Benefits.

3 D. Any modifications to plan documents for self-insured group health plans
4 offered by the Office of Group Benefits shall be in accordance with applicable state
5 and federal laws.

6 E. The Office of Group Benefits shall provide all premium rates and any
7 changes to premium rates for the self-insured group health plans offered by the
8 Office of Group Benefits to the Group Benefits Estimating Conference, the Group
9 Benefits Policy and Planning Board, and the independent consulting actuary retained
10 by or on behalf of the Office of Group Benefits in accordance with applicable state
11 law.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) to make certain information available on its website and to receive prior approval of any new schedule of benefits of a self-insured group health plan offered by OGB.

Proposed law requires the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) to prepare a summary of benefits and coverage for each self-insured group health plan offered by OGB in accordance with applicable federal law.

Proposed law requires any new schedule of benefits of a self-insured group health plan offered by OGB to be subject to review and prior approval of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance.

Proposed law requires OGB to publish on its website the summary of benefits and coverage required under proposed law and the plan documents for each self-insured group health plan offered by OGB.

Proposed law requires any modifications to plan documents for self-insured group health plans offered by OGB to comply with applicable state and federal laws.

Proposed law requires OGB to provide all premium rates and any changes to premium rates for the self-insured group health plans to the Group Benefits Estimating Conference, the Group Benefits Policy and Planning Board, and the independent consulting actuary retained by or on behalf of the Office of Group Benefits in accordance with applicable state law.

(Adds R.S. 42:802.2)