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SENATE BILL

No. 1182

Introduced by Senator Leno

February 20, 2014

An act to amend Sections 1374.8, 1385.03, and 1385.04 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Sections 791.27 and 10181.4 of the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1182, as amended, Leno. Health care coverage: rate review.

Existing law, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), requires the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a process for the annual review of unreasonable increases in premiums for health insurance coverage in which health insurance issuers submit to the secretary and the relevant state a justification for an unreasonable premium increase prior to implementation of the increase. Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care and makes a willful violation of the act a crime. Existing law also provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Existing law requires a health care service plan or health insurer in the individual, small group, or large group markets to file rate information with the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance. For individual and small group contracts and policies, existing law requires a plan or insurer to file rate information

at least 60 days prior to implementing a rate change and requires a plan or insurer to disclose with each filing specified information by aggregate benefit category. Existing law allows a health care service plan that exclusively contracts with no more than 2 medical groups to provide or arrange for professional medical services for enrollees of the plan to meet this requirement by disclosing its actual trend experience for the prior year using benefit categories that are the same or similar to those used by other plans.

This bill would specify the benefit categories to be used for that purpose and would make other related changes.

For large group plan contracts and policies, existing law requires a plan or insurer to file rate information with the department at least 60 days prior to implementing an unreasonable rate increase, as defined in PPACA. Existing law requires the plan or insurer to also disclose specified aggregate data with that rate filing.

~~This bill would instead require the plan or insurer to file rate information with the department at least 60 days prior to implementing a rate increase that exceeds 5% of the prior year's rate. The bill would also require that the plan or insurer disclose specified data for each rate filing that exceeds 5% of the prior year's rate for that group, including, but not limited to, company name and contact information, annual rate, and average rate change initially requested. *revise the aggregate information required to be provided with the rate filing described above, including, among other things, total earned premiums, total incurred claims, and average rate of increase for the rate year. The bill would require a plan or insurer to disclose the methodologies used to develop base rates and other specified information, including, among other things, all of the base rates used for groups in the large group market and all of the factors used to adjust the base rates. The bill would also require a plan or insurer to provide additional aggregate information regarding rate changes for the large group market, including, among other things, the average monthly rate implemented during the prior year and the average rate change initially requested, as specified.* The bill would require a plan or ~~insurer~~ insurer, under certain circumstances, to annually disclose additional aggregate data for ~~all products sold in~~ the large group market and to provide deidentified claims data at no charge to a large group purchaser that requests the information and meets specified conditions.~~

Existing law prohibits, with exceptions, a health care service plan or health insurer from releasing any information to an employer that would

directly or indirectly indicate to the employer that an employee is receiving or has received services from a health care provider covered by the plan unless authorized to do so by the employee.

This bill would exempt from the prohibition the release of relevant information for the purposes set forth in the provisions regarding the review of rate ~~increases~~ *changes*.

Because a willful violation of the bill’s requirements by a health care service plan would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1374.8 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:

3 1374.8. (a) A health care service plan shall not release any
4 information to an employer that would directly or indirectly
5 indicate to the employer that an employee is receiving or has
6 received services from a health care provider covered by the plan
7 unless authorized to do so by the employee. An insurer that has,
8 pursuant to an agreement, assumed the responsibility to pay
9 compensation pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section
10 3750) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Labor Code, shall
11 not be considered an employer for the purposes of this section.

12 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits a health care service plan
13 from releasing relevant information described in this section for
14 the purposes set forth in Chapter 12 (commencing with Section
15 1871) of Part 2 of Division 1 of the Insurance Code.

16 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits a health care service plan
17 from releasing relevant information described in this section for
18 the purposes set forth in subdivision ~~(f)~~ (h) of Section 1385.04.

19 SEC. 2. Section 1385.03 of the Health and Safety Code is
20 amended to read:

1 1385.03. (a) All health care service plans shall file with the
2 department all required rate information for individual and small
3 group health care service plan contracts at least 60 days prior to
4 implementing any rate change.

5 (b) A plan shall disclose to the department all of the following
6 for each individual and small group rate filing:

- 7 (1) Company name and contact information.
- 8 (2) Number of plan contract forms covered by the filing.
- 9 (3) Plan contract form numbers covered by the filing.
- 10 (4) Product type, such as a preferred provider organization or
11 health maintenance organization.
- 12 (5) Segment type.
- 13 (6) Type of plan involved, such as for profit or not for profit.
- 14 (7) Whether the products are opened or closed.
- 15 (8) Enrollment in each plan contract and rating form.
- 16 (9) Enrollee months in each plan contract form.
- 17 (10) Annual rate.
- 18 (11) Total earned premiums in each plan contract form.
- 19 (12) Total incurred claims in each plan contract form.
- 20 (13) Average rate change initially requested.
- 21 (14) Review category: initial filing for new product, filing for
22 existing product, or resubmission.
- 23 (15) Average rate of change.
- 24 (16) Effective date of rate change.
- 25 (17) Number of subscribers or enrollees affected by each plan
26 contract form.
- 27 (18) The plan's overall annual medical trend factor assumptions
28 in each rate filing for all benefits and by aggregate benefit category,
29 including hospital inpatient, hospital outpatient, physician services,
30 prescription drugs and other ancillary services, laboratory, and
31 radiology. A plan may provide aggregated additional data that
32 demonstrates or reasonably estimates year-to-year cost changes
33 in specific benefit categories in the geographic regions listed in
34 Sections 1357.512 and 1399.855. A health plan that exclusively
35 contracts with no more than two medical groups in the state to
36 provide or arrange for professional medical services for the
37 enrollees of the plan shall instead disclose the amount of its actual
38 trend experience for the prior contract year by aggregate benefit
39 category, using service categories that are, to the maximum extent
40 possible, the same or similar to the benefit categories used by other

1 plans. For this purpose, benefit categories shall be those specified
2 in ~~subdivision (e) subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision~~
3 (g) of Section 1385.04.

4 (19) The amount of the projected trend attributable to the use
5 of services, price inflation, or fees and risk for annual plan contract
6 trends by aggregate benefit category, such as hospital inpatient,
7 hospital outpatient, physician services, prescription drugs and other
8 ancillary services, laboratory, and radiology. A health plan that
9 exclusively contracts with no more than two medical groups in the
10 state to provide or arrange for professional medical services for
11 the enrollees of the plan shall instead disclose the amount of its
12 actual trend experience for the prior contract year by aggregate
13 service category, using service categories that are, to the maximum
14 extent possible, the same or similar to those used by other plans.
15 For this purpose, benefit categories shall be those specified in
16 ~~subdivision (e) subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision~~
17 (g) of Section 1385.04.

18 (20) A comparison of claims cost and rate of changes over time.

19 (21) Any changes in enrollee cost-sharing over the prior year
20 associated with the submitted rate filing.

21 (22) Any changes in enrollee benefits over the prior year
22 associated with the submitted rate filing.

23 (23) The certification described in subdivision (b) of Section
24 1385.06.

25 (24) Any changes in administrative costs.

26 (25) Any other information required for rate review under
27 PPACA.

28 (c) A health care service plan subject to subdivision (a) shall
29 also disclose the following aggregate data for all rate filings
30 submitted under this section in the individual and small group
31 health plan markets:

32 (1) Number and percentage of rate filings reviewed by the
33 following:

34 (A) Plan year.

35 (B) Segment type.

36 (C) Product type.

37 (D) Number of subscribers.

38 (E) Number of covered lives affected.

39 (2) The plan's average rate change by the following categories:

40 (A) Plan year.

1 (B) Segment type.

2 (C) Product type.

3 (3) Any cost containment and quality improvement efforts since
 4 the plan’s last rate filing for the same category of health benefit
 5 plan. To the extent possible, the plan shall describe any significant
 6 new health care cost containment and quality improvement efforts
 7 and provide an estimate of potential savings together with an
 8 estimated cost or savings for the projection period.

9 (d) The department may require all health care service plans to
 10 submit all rate filings to the National Association of Insurance
 11 Commissioners’ System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing
 12 (SERFF). Submission of the required rate filings to SERFF shall
 13 be deemed to be filing with the department for purposes of
 14 compliance with this section.

15 (e) A plan shall submit any other information required under
 16 PPACA. A plan shall also submit any other information required
 17 pursuant to any regulation adopted by the department to comply
 18 with this article.

19 SEC. 3. Section 1385.04 of the Health and Safety Code is
 20 amended to read:

21 1385.04. (a) For large group health care service plan contracts,
 22 all health plans shall file with the department at least 60 days prior
 23 to implementing any rate change all required rate information for
 24 ~~unreasonable rate increases that exceed 5 percent of the prior~~
 25 ~~year’s rate increases.~~ This filing shall be concurrent with the
 26 written notice described in subdivision (a) of Section 1374.21.

27 (b) For large group rate filings, health plans shall submit all
 28 information that is required by PPACA. A plan shall also submit
 29 any other information required pursuant to any regulation adopted
 30 by the department to comply with this article.

31 (c) A health care service plan ~~subject to subdivision (a)~~ shall
 32 ~~disclose for each rate filing that exceeds 5 percent of the prior~~
 33 ~~year’s rate for that group all of the following: the following~~
 34 ~~aggregate information for rates in the large group market:~~

- 35 (1) Company name and contact information.
- 36 (2) Number of plan ~~contract forms~~ *contracts* covered by the
- 37 filing.
- 38 ~~(3) Plan contract form numbers covered by the filing.~~
- 39 ~~(4)~~

- 1 (3) Product type, such as a preferred provider organization or
- 2 health maintenance organization.
- 3 ~~(5)~~
- 4 (4) Segment type.
- 5 ~~(6)~~
- 6 (5) Type of plan involved, such as for profit or not for profit.
- 7 ~~(7)~~
- 8 (6) Whether the products are opened or closed.
- 9 ~~(8) Enrollment in each plan contract and rating form.~~
- 10 ~~(9) Enrollee months in each plan contract form.~~
- 11 ~~(10) Annual rate.~~
- 12 ~~(11)~~
- 13 ~~(7) Total earned premiums in each plan contract form.~~
- 14 ~~(12)~~
- 15 ~~(8) Total incurred claims in each plan contract form.~~
- 16 ~~(13) Average rate change initially requested.~~
- 17 ~~(14) Review category: initial filing for new product, filing for~~
- 18 ~~existing product, or resubmission.~~
- 19 ~~(15) Average rate of change.~~
- 20 ~~(16) Effective date of rate change.~~
- 21 (9) Average rate of increase for the rate year.
- 22 ~~(17)~~
- 23 (10) Number of subscribers or enrollees affected by each plan
- 24 contract form.
- 25 (d) A health care service plan shall disclose the methodology
- 26 or methodologies used to develop the base rate or rates and all of
- 27 the following information:
- 28 (1) The base rate for the groups in the large group market. If
- 29 more than one base rate is used by the plan, all of the base rates
- 30 shall be disclosed, as well as the types of groups to which different
- 31 base rates are applied.
- 32 (2) All factors used to adjust the base rate or rates including,
- 33 but not limited to, the following:
- 34 (A) Industry or occupation, if either is applicable.
- 35 (B) Age.
- 36 (C) Health status, medical condition, or claims experience.
- 37 (D) Tobacco use, if applicable.
- 38 (E) Alcohol use, if applicable.

- 1 (F) Any other factor used to adjust the base rate or rates, with
2 a description of the factor and an objective and scientifically valid
3 explanation, based on up-to-date statistical or actuarial data.
- 4 (3) Any variation in rate or rates based on geographic regions,
5 along with a description of the geographic regions used by the
6 plan. The description shall specify the applicable counties or, if
7 counties are split, the ZIP Codes, in each region.
- 8 (4) Any variation due to benefits covered in addition to basic
9 health care services as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 1345,
10 as well as a description of the benefits covered, such as
11 prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, or infertility
12 treatment, using the format specified in paragraph (3) of
13 subdivision (b) of Section 1363.
- 14 (5) Variations due to differences in benefit design arising from
15 differences in cost sharing, including copays, coinsurance,
16 deductibles, annual out-of-pocket limitations, or any other cost
17 sharing, using the format specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision
18 (b) of Section 1363.
- 19 (6) The actuarial value of products, including the number of
20 enrolled lives by the actuarial value tiers specified in paragraph
21 (2) of subdivision (e).
- 22 (7) Any other factors affecting the base rate not described here.
- 23 (8) The amount or proportion that each factor contributes to
24 the base rate. If the proportions do not add up to 100 percent, an
25 explanation of how the remaining portion of the base rate or rates
26 are derived.
- 27 (9) If a plan uses modified community rating for any segment
28 of the large group, such as new business or groups of a certain
29 size, the plan shall describe the modifications to community rating
30 and the market segments to which modified community rating
31 applies.
- 32 (10) Any change from the prior year in methodology, factors,
33 or assumptions used to develop a base rate or rates.
- 34 (e) (1) The plan shall also provide the following aggregate
35 information regarding rate changes for the large group market:
- 36 (A) Average rate change during the prior year.
- 37 (B) Average monthly rate implemented during the prior year.
- 38 (C) Average rate change initially requested.
- 39 (D) A comparison of claims cost and rate of changes over time.

1 (E) Any changes in enrollee cost sharing over the prior year,
2 including the range of changes and the number and proportion of
3 enrollees affected.

4 (F) Any changes in enrollee benefits over the prior year,
5 including the number and proportion of enrollees affected.

6 (G) Any changes in administrative costs.

7 (2) The information described in paragraph (1) shall be
8 categorized by family composition, such as single, single plus one,
9 and family, or any other family composition as the plan may use.
10 If the plan uses an alternative family composition, it shall provide
11 a description of that family composition.

12 (3) The information described in paragraph (1) shall also be
13 categorized by actuarial value tier, using the following actuarial
14 value tiers:

15 (A) 90 to 100 percent.

16 (B) 80 to 89 percent.

17 (C) 70 to 79 percent.

18 (D) 60 to 69 percent.

19 (E) Under 60 percent, if any.

20 (f) The plan shall provide the following aggregate information
21 regarding trend factors used to develop the change in rate:

22 ~~(18) The~~

23 (1) (A) The plan's overall annual medical trend factor
24 assumptions in each rate filing for all benefits and by aggregate
25 benefit category, including hospital inpatient, hospital outpatient,
26 physician services, prescription drugs and other ancillary services,
27 laboratory, and radiology. ~~A plan may provide aggregated~~
28 ~~additional data that demonstrates or reasonably estimates~~
29 ~~year-to-year cost changes in specific benefit categories in major~~
30 ~~geographic regions of the state if rates vary by region. If rates vary~~
31 ~~by region, the plan shall provide a description of the regions used~~
32 ~~by the plan. A~~

33 (B) A health plan that exclusively contracts with no more than
34 two medical groups in the state to provide or arrange for
35 professional medical services for the enrollees of the plan shall
36 instead disclose the amount of its actual trend experience for the
37 prior contract year by aggregate benefit category, using service
38 categories that are, to the maximum extent possible, the same or
39 similar to the benefit categories used by other plans. For this

1 purpose, benefit categories shall be those specified in ~~subdivision~~
2 ~~(e) subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (g).~~
3 ~~(19)~~
4 (2) (A) The amount of the projected trend attributable to the
5 use of services, price inflation, or fees and risk for annual plan
6 contract trends by aggregate benefit category, such as hospital
7 inpatient, hospital outpatient, physician services, prescription drugs
8 and other ancillary services, laboratory, and radiology. ~~A~~
9 (B) A health plan that exclusively contracts with no more than
10 two medical groups in the state to provide or arrange for
11 professional medical services for the enrollees of the plan shall
12 instead disclose the amount of its actual trend experience for the
13 prior contract year by aggregate service category, using service
14 categories that are, to the maximum extent possible, the same or
15 similar to those used by other plans. For this purpose, benefit
16 categories shall be those specified in ~~subdivision (e) subparagraph~~
17 ~~(A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (g).~~
18 ~~(20) A comparison of claims cost and rate of changes over time.~~
19 ~~(21) Any changes in enrollee cost-sharing over the prior year~~
20 ~~associated with the submitted rate filing.~~
21 ~~(22) Any changes in enrollee benefits over the prior year~~
22 ~~associated with the submitted rate filing.~~
23 ~~(23) The certification described in subdivision (b) of Section~~
24 ~~1385.06.~~
25 ~~(24) Any changes in administrative costs.~~
26 ~~(25) Any other information required for rate review under~~
27 ~~PPACA.~~
28 (d) Except as provided in subdivision (c), a health care service
29 plan shall annually disclose the following aggregate data for all
30 products sold in the large group market:
31 (1) Plan year.
32 (2) Segment type.
33 (3) Product type.
34 (4) Number of subscribers.
35 (5) Number of covered lives affected.
36 (6) The plan's average rate change by the following:
37 (A) Plan year.
38 (B) Segment type.
39 (C) Product type.

1 ~~(D) Benefit category, including, but not limited to, hospital,~~
2 ~~medical, ancillary, and other benefit categories reported publicly~~
3 ~~for individual and small employer rate filings.~~

4 ~~(E) Trend attributable to cost and trend attributable to utilization~~
5 ~~by benefit category.~~

6 ~~(e) A~~

7 *(g) In addition to the other information required under this*
8 *section, a health care service plan that is unable to provide*
9 *information on rate-increases change by benefit categories, as*
10 *defined in subdivision (d) of Section 1385.07, including, but not*
11 *limited to, hospital, outpatient medical, and mental health, or*
12 *information on trend attributable to cost and trend attributable to*
13 *utilization by benefit category pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section*
14 *1385.07, shall annually disclose all of the following aggregate data*
15 *for its large group health care service plan contracts:*

16 (1) (A) The plan's overall aggregate data demonstrating or
17 reasonably estimating year-to-year cost-increases change in the
18 aggregate for large group rates by major service category. The
19 plan shall distinguish between the-increase change ascribed to the
20 volume of services provided and the increase ascribed to the cost
21 of services provided for those assumptions that shall include the
22 following categories:

- 23 (i) Hospital inpatient.
- 24 (ii) Outpatient visits.
- 25 (iii) Outpatient surgical or other procedures.
- 26 (iv) Professional medical.
- 27 (v) Mental health.
- 28 (vi) Substance abuse.
- 29 (vii) Skilled nursing facility, if covered.
- 30 (viii) Prescription drugs.
- 31 (ix) Other ancillary services.
- 32 (x) Laboratory.
- 33 (xi) Radiology or imaging.

34 (B) A plan may provide-aggregated additional aggregated data
35 that-demonstrate demonstrates or reasonably-estimate estimates
36 year-to-year cost-increases change in each of the specific service
37 categories specified in subparagraph (A) for each of the major
38 geographic regions of the state if any.

39 (2) The amount of projected trend attributable to the following
40 categories:

- 1 (A) Use of services by service and disease category.
2 (B) Capital investment.
3 (C) Community benefit expenditures, excluding bad debt and
4 valued at cost.
- 5 (3) The amount and proportion of costs attributed to contracting
6 medical groups that would not have been attributable as medical
7 losses if incurred by the health plan rather than the medical group.
- 8 (f)
- 9 (h) (1) A health care service plan shall annually provide claims
10 data at no charge to a large group purchaser if the large group
11 purchaser requests the information. The health care service plan
12 shall provide claims data that a qualified statistician has determined
13 ~~are~~ *is* deidentified so that the claims data ~~do~~ *does* not identify or
14 ~~do not~~ provide a reasonable basis from which to identify an
15 individual.
- 16 (2) Information provided to a large group purchaser under this
17 subdivision is not subject to Section 1385.07.
- 18 (3) (A) If claims data ~~are~~ *is* not available, the plan shall provide,
19 at no charge to the purchaser, all of the following:
- 20 (i) Deidentified data sufficient for the large group purchaser to
21 calculate the cost of obtaining similar services from other health
22 plans and evaluate cost-effectiveness by service and disease
23 category.
- 24 (ii) Deidentified patient-level data on demographics, prescribing,
25 encounters, inpatient services, outpatient services, and any other
26 data as may be required of the health plan to comply with risk
27 adjustment, reinsurance, or risk corridors pursuant to the federal
28 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148),
29 as amended by the federal Health Care and Education
30 Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152), and any rules,
31 regulations, or guidance issued ~~thereunder~~ *pursuant to these acts*.
- 32 (iii) Deidentified patient-level data used to experience rate the
33 large group, including diagnostic and procedure coding and costs
34 assigned to each service.
- 35 (B) The health care service plan shall obtain a formal
36 determination from a qualified statistician that the data provided
37 pursuant to this paragraph ~~have~~ *has* been deidentified so that the
38 data ~~do~~ *does* not identify or ~~do not~~ provide a reasonable basis from
39 which to identify an individual. The statistician shall certify the

1 formal determination in writing and shall, upon request, provide
2 the protocol used for deidentification to the department.

3 (4) Data provided pursuant to this subdivision shall only be
4 provided to a large group purchaser that meets both of the
5 following conditions:

6 (A) ~~Is~~*The large group purchaser is able to demonstrate its*
7 *ability to comply with state and federal privacy laws.*

8 (B) ~~Is a~~*The large group purchaser that is either an employer*
9 *with an enrollment of greater than 1,000 covered lives or a*
10 *multiemployer trust.*

11 ~~(g)~~

12 (i) The department may require all health care service plans to
13 submit all rate filings to the National Association of Insurance
14 Commissioners' System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing
15 (SERFF). Submission of the required rate filings to SERFF shall
16 be deemed to be filing with the department for purposes of
17 compliance with this section.

18 SEC. 4. Section 791.27 of the Insurance Code is amended to
19 read:

20 791.27. (a) A disability insurer that provides coverage for
21 hospital, medical, or surgical expenses shall not release any
22 information to an employer that would directly or indirectly
23 indicate to the employer that an employee is receiving or has
24 received services from a health care provider covered by the plan
25 unless authorized to do so by the employee. An insurer that has,
26 pursuant to an agreement, assumed the responsibility to pay
27 compensation pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section
28 3750) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Labor Code, shall
29 not be considered an employer for the purposes of this section.

30 (b) Nothing in this section prohibits a disability insurer from
31 releasing relevant information described in this section for the
32 purposes set forth in Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 1871)
33 of Part 2 of Division 1.

34 (c) Nothing in this section prohibits a health insurer from
35 releasing relevant information described in this section for the
36 purposes set forth in subdivision ~~(f)~~ (h) of Section 10181.4.

37 SEC. 5. Section 10181.4 of the Insurance Code is amended to
38 read:

39 10181.4. (a) For large group health insurance policies, all
40 health insurers shall file with the department at least 60 days prior

1 to implementing any rate change all required rate information for
2 ~~unreasonable rate increases that exceed 5 percent of the prior~~
3 ~~year's rate increases.~~ This filing shall be concurrent with the
4 written notice described in Section 10199.1.

5 (b) For large group rate filings, health insurers shall submit all
6 information that is required by PPACA. A health insurer shall also
7 submit any other information required pursuant to any regulation
8 adopted by the department to comply with this article.

9 (c) A health insurer ~~subject to subdivision (a)~~ shall disclose ~~for~~
10 ~~each rate filing that exceeds 5 percent of the prior year's rate for~~
11 ~~that group all of the following:~~ *the following aggregate information*
12 *for rates in the large group market:*

- 13 (1) Company name and contact information.
- 14 (2) Number of ~~policy forms~~ *policies* covered by the filing.
- 15 ~~(3) Policy form numbers covered by the filing.~~
- 16 ~~(4)~~
- 17 (3) Product type, such as indemnity or preferred provider
18 organization.
- 19 ~~(5)~~
- 20 (4) Segment type.
- 21 ~~(6)~~
- 22 (5) Type of insurer involved, such as for profit or not for profit.
- 23 ~~(7)~~
- 24 (6) Whether the products are opened or closed.
- 25 ~~(8) Enrollment in each policy and rating form.~~
- 26 ~~(9) Insured months in each policy form.~~
- 27 ~~(10) Annual rate.~~
- 28 ~~(11)~~
- 29 (7) Total earned premiums ~~in each policy form.~~
- 30 ~~(12)~~
- 31 (8) Total incurred claims ~~in each policy form.~~
- 32 ~~(13) Average rate change initially requested.~~
- 33 ~~(14) Review category: initial filing for new product, filing for~~
34 ~~existing product, or resubmission.~~
- 35 ~~(15) Average rate of change.~~
- 36 ~~(16) Effective date of rate change.~~
- 37 (9) *Average rate of increase for the rate year.*
- 38 ~~(17)~~
- 39 (10) Number of policyholders or insureds affected by each
40 policy form.

1 (d) A health insurer shall disclose the methodology or
2 methodologies used to develop the base rate or rates and all of
3 the following information:

4 (1) The base rate for the groups in the large group market. If
5 more than one base rate is used by the insurer, all of the base rates
6 shall be disclosed, as well as the types of groups to which different
7 base rates are applied.

8 (2) All factors used to adjust the base rate or rates including,
9 but not limited to, the following:

10 (A) Industry or occupation, if either is applicable.

11 (B) Age.

12 (C) Health status, medical condition, or claims experience.

13 (D) Tobacco use, if applicable.

14 (E) Alcohol use, if applicable.

15 (F) Any other factor used to adjust the base rate or rates, with
16 a description of the factor and an objective and scientifically valid
17 explanation, based on up-to-date statistical or actuarial data.

18 (3) Any variation in rate or rates based on geographic regions,
19 along with a description of the geographic regions used by the
20 insurer. The description shall specify the applicable counties or,
21 if counties are split, the ZIP Codes, in each region.

22 (4) Any variation due to benefits covered in addition to basic
23 health care services, as well as a description of the benefits
24 covered, such as prescription drugs, durable medical equipment,
25 or infertility treatment, using the format specified in paragraph
26 (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 10603.

27 (5) Variations due to differences in benefit design arising from
28 differences in cost sharing, including copays, coinsurance,
29 deductibles, annual out-of-pocket limitations, or any other cost
30 sharing, using the format specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision
31 (a) of Section 10603.

32 (6) The actuarial value of products, including the number of
33 enrolled lives by the actuarial value tiers specified in paragraph
34 (3) of subdivision (e).

35 (7) Any other factors affecting the base rate not described here.

36 (8) The amount or proportion that each factor contributes to
37 the base rate. If the proportions do not add up to 100 percent, an
38 explanation of how the remaining portion of the base rate or rates
39 are derived.

1 (9) If an insurer uses modified community rating for any segment
 2 of the large group, such as new business or groups of a certain
 3 size, the insurer shall describe the modifications to community
 4 rating and the market segments to which modified community
 5 rating applies.

6 (10) Any change from the prior year in methodology, factors,
 7 or assumptions used to develop a base rate or rates.

8 (e) (1) The insurer shall also provide the following aggregate
 9 information regarding rate changes for the large group market:

10 (A) Average rate change during the prior year.

11 (B) Average monthly rate implemented during the prior year.

12 (C) Average rate change initially requested.

13 (D) A comparison of claims cost and rate of changes over time.

14 (E) Any changes in insured cost sharing over the prior year,
 15 including the range of changes and the number and proportion of
 16 insureds affected.

17 (F) Any changes in insured benefits over the prior year,
 18 including the number and proportion of insureds affected.

19 (G) Any changes in administrative costs.

20 (2) The information described in paragraph (1) shall be
 21 categorized by family composition, such as single, single plus one,
 22 and family, or any other family composition as the insurer may
 23 use. If the insurer uses an alternative family composition, it shall
 24 provide a description of that family composition.

25 (3) The information described in paragraph (1) shall also be
 26 categorized by actuarial value tier, using the following actuarial
 27 value tiers:

28 (A) 90 to 100 percent.

29 (B) 80 to 89 percent.

30 (C) 70 to 79 percent.

31 (D) 60 to 69 percent.

32 (E) Under 60 percent, if any.

33 (f) The insurer shall provide the following aggregate information
 34 regarding trend factors used to develop the change in rate:

35 ~~(18)~~

36 (1) (A) The insurer's overall annual medical trend factor
 37 assumptions in each rate filing for all benefits and by aggregate
 38 benefit category, including hospital inpatient, hospital outpatient,
 39 physician services, prescription drugs and other ancillary services,
 40 laboratory, and radiology. ~~An insurer may provide aggregated~~

1 additional data that demonstrates or reasonably estimates
2 year-to-year cost changes in specific benefit categories in major
3 geographic regions of the state if rates vary by region. If rates vary
4 by region, the insurer shall provide a description of the regions
5 used by the insurer.

6 (B) An insurer that exclusively contracts with no more than two
7 medical groups in the state to provide or arrange for professional
8 medical services for its insureds shall instead disclose the amount
9 of its actual trend experience for the prior contract year by
10 aggregate benefit category, using service categories that are, to
11 the maximum extent possible, the same or similar to the benefit
12 categories used by other plans. For this purpose, benefit categories
13 shall be those specified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of
14 subdivision (g).

15 ~~(19)~~

16 (2) (A) The amount of the projected trend attributable to the
17 use of services, price inflation, or fees and risk for annual policy
18 trends by aggregate benefit category, such as hospital inpatient,
19 hospital outpatient, physician services, prescription drugs and other
20 ancillary services, laboratory, and radiology.

21 (B) A health insurer that exclusively contracts with no more
22 than two medical groups in the state to provide or arrange for
23 professional medical services for its insureds shall instead disclose
24 the amount of its actual trend experience for the prior contract
25 year by aggregate service category, using service categories that
26 are, to the maximum extent possible, the same or similar to those
27 used by other plans. For this purpose, benefit categories shall be
28 those specified in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision
29 (g).

30 ~~(20) A comparison of claims cost and rate of changes over time.~~

31 ~~(21) Any changes in insured cost-sharing over the prior year~~
32 ~~associated with the submitted rate filing.~~

33 ~~(22) Any changes in insured benefits over the prior year~~
34 ~~associated with the submitted rate filing.~~

35 ~~(23) The certification described in subdivision (b) of Section~~
36 ~~10181.6.~~

37 ~~(24) Any changes in administrative costs.~~

38 ~~(25) Any other information required for rate review under~~
39 ~~PPACA.~~

1 ~~(d) Except as provided in subdivision (c), a health insurer shall~~
 2 ~~annually disclose the following aggregate data for all products~~
 3 ~~sold in the large group market:~~
 4 ~~(1) Policy year.~~
 5 ~~(2) Segment type.~~
 6 ~~(3) Product type.~~
 7 ~~(4) Number of policyholders.~~
 8 ~~(5) Number of covered lives affected.~~
 9 ~~(6) The insurer's average rate change by the following:~~
 10 ~~(A) Policy year.~~
 11 ~~(B) Segment type.~~
 12 ~~(C) Product type.~~
 13 ~~(D) Benefit category, including, but not limited to, hospital,~~
 14 ~~medical, ancillary, and other benefit categories reported publicly~~
 15 ~~for individual and small employer rate filings.~~
 16 ~~(E) Trend attributable to cost and trend attributable to utilization~~
 17 ~~by benefit category.~~
 18 ~~(e) A~~
 19 *(g) In addition to the other information required under this*
 20 *section, a health insurer that is unable to provide information on*
 21 *rate-increases change by benefit categories, as defined in*
 22 *subdivision (d) of Section 10181.7 10181.7, including, but not*
 23 *limited to, hospital, outpatient medical, and mental health, or*
 24 *information on trend attributable to cost and trend attributable to*
 25 *utilization by benefit category pursuant to subdivision-(d); (d) of*
 26 *Section 10181.7, shall annually disclose all of the following*
 27 *aggregate data for its large group health insurance policies:*
 28 *(1) (A) The insurer's overall aggregate data demonstrating or*
 29 *reasonably estimating year-to-year cost-increases change in the*
 30 *aggregate for large group rates by major service category. The*
 31 *insurer shall distinguish between the-increase change ascribed to*
 32 *the volume of services provided and the increase ascribed to the*
 33 *cost of services provided for those assumptions that shall include*
 34 *the following categories:*
 35 *(i) Hospital inpatient.*
 36 *(ii) Outpatient visits.*
 37 *(iii) Outpatient surgical or other procedures.*
 38 *(iv) Professional medical.*
 39 *(v) Mental health.*
 40 *(vi) Substance abuse.*

1 (vii) Skilled nursing facility, if covered.

2 (viii) Prescription drugs.

3 (ix) Other ancillary services.

4 (x) Laboratory.

5 (xi) Radiology or imaging.

6 (B) An insurer may provide ~~aggregated~~ additional *aggregated*
7 data that ~~demonstrate~~ *demonstrates* or reasonably ~~estimate~~
8 *estimates* year-to-year cost ~~increases~~ *change* in each of the specific
9 service categories specified in subparagraph (A) for each of the
10 major geographic regions of the state if any.

11 (2) The amount of projected trend attributable to the following
12 categories:

13 (A) Use of services by service and disease category.

14 (B) Capital investment.

15 (C) Community benefit expenditures, excluding bad debt and
16 valued at cost.

17 (3) The amount and proportion of costs attributed to contracting
18 medical groups that would not have been attributable as medical
19 losses if incurred by the health insurer rather than the medical
20 group.

21 (f)

22 (h) (1) A health insurer shall annually provide claims data at
23 no charge to a large group purchaser if the large group purchaser
24 requests the information. The health insurer shall provide claims
25 data that a qualified statistician has determined ~~are~~ *is* deidentified
26 so that the claims data ~~do~~ *does* not identify or ~~do not~~ provide a
27 reasonable basis from which to identify an individual.

28 (2) Information provided to a large group purchaser under this
29 subdivision is not subject to Section 10181.7.

30 (3) (A) If claims data ~~are~~ *is* not available, the insurer shall
31 provide, at no charge to the purchaser, all of the following:

32 (i) Deidentified data sufficient for the large group purchaser to
33 calculate the cost of obtaining similar services from other health
34 ~~insurers~~ *insurance policies* and plans and evaluate
35 cost-effectiveness by service and disease category.

36 (ii) Deidentified patient-level data on demographics, prescribing,
37 encounters, inpatient services, outpatient services, and any other
38 data as may be required of the health insurer to comply with risk
39 adjustment, reinsurance, or risk corridors pursuant to the federal
40 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148),

1 as amended by the federal Health Care and Education
2 Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152), and any rules,
3 regulations, or guidance issued ~~thereunder~~ pursuant to these acts.

4 (iii) Deidentified patient-level data used to experience rate the
5 large group, including diagnostic and procedure coding and costs
6 assigned to each service.

7 (B) The health insurer shall obtain a formal determination from
8 a qualified statistician that the data provided pursuant to this
9 paragraph ~~have~~ has been deidentified so that the data ~~do~~ does not
10 identify or ~~do not~~ provide a reasonable basis from which to identify
11 an individual. The statistician shall certify the formal determination
12 in writing and shall, upon request, provide the protocol used for
13 deidentification to the department.

14 (4) Data provided pursuant to this subdivision shall only be
15 provided to a large group purchaser that meets both of the
16 following conditions:

17 (A) ~~Is~~ *The large group purchaser is able to demonstrate its*
18 *ability to comply with state and federal privacy laws.*

19 (B) ~~Is a~~ *The large group purchaser that is either an employer*
20 *with an enrollment of greater than 1,000 covered lives or a*
21 *multiemployer trust.*

22 ~~(g)~~
23 (i) The department may require all health insurers to submit all
24 rate filings to the National Association of Insurance
25 Commissioners' System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing
26 (SERFF). Submission of the required rate filings to SERFF shall
27 be deemed to be filing with the department for purposes of
28 compliance with this section.

29 SEC. 6. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
30 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
31 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
32 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
33 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
34 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
35 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
36 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
37 Constitution.

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