



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 919

Senate, April 1, 2003

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS WITH FLEXIBLE BENEFIT DESIGNS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The Insurance
2 Commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54
3 of the general statutes, to provide for the approval and design of
4 health insurance plans that offer flexible benefits designed to reduce
5 health insurance premiums. As used in this section, "health insurance
6 plans that offer flexible benefits designed to reduce health insurance
7 premiums" include, but are not limited to: (1) Plans that offer choices
8 between large and small provider networks; (2) plans that offer
9 different deductibles depending on the health care facilities used; (3)
10 plans that use both deductibles and coinsurance; and (4) plans that
11 offer prescription drug benefits which use both deductibles and
12 coinsurance.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Insurance Dept.	IF - None	None	None

Note: IF=Insurance Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Insurance to adopt regulations for the approval and design of certain health insurance plans. This can be accomplished without the need for additional resources and would not result in a fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS WITH FLEXIBLE BENEFIT DESIGNS**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the insurance commissioner to adopt regulations for the approval and design of flexible benefit health insurance plans to reduce premium costs. The bill specifies that health insurance plans that offer flexible benefits include, but are not limited to, plans that: (1) offer choices between large and small provider networks; (2) offer different deductibles depending on the health care facility used; (3) use both deductibles and coinsurance; and (4) offer prescription drug benefits that use both deductibles and coinsurance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

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